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City makes graffiti removal a high priority

Experienced teams decipher the coded messages almost instantly, differentiate gang signs from multi-hued art tags

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

When Doug Mansel's home-owners association failed in its attempt to remove graffiti from a sidewalk near his El Cerrito home, it turned to the city for help. Problem solved. The unidentifiable markings, likely printed in spray paint, were quickly removed at the top of Cutting

REPORTING GRAFFITI

El Cerrito residents can report graffiti to the city's public works department at 510-215-4382. Berkeley will remove graffiti from public buildings. Call 510-644-6620. Report BART station graffiti at 510-464-7083.

Boulevard in the El Cerrito hills with a heavy-duty graffiti remover. In fact, whenever Mansel notifies the city about graffiti, it's been removed right away, usually on the same day.

"I've seen more (graffiti),"

Mansel said, "but I've also seen staff get rid of it very quickly, which is a great thing."

El Cerrito is making graffiti removal a high priority after witnessing an increase over the past year. It's following other local cities and agencies that have been grappling with the nuisance for years.

A BART police anti-graffiti unit consisting of a sergeant and two officers has practically eliminated tagging from BART trains and stations, BART Police Lt. Dan Hartwig said. The unit, which investigates and arrests suspected taggers, was created several years ago.

"A lot of cities have crews that

go out and paint over graffiti as soon as possible," Hartwig said. "They've found it helps reduce the number of incidents. A lot of these guys are doing it for recognition. When you take away that recognition, they go play somewhere else."

On a fence visible from Interstate 580 just before the Bayview Avenue exit, skilled graffiti artists have spray-painted their chosen monikers in curved and sometimes multicolored lettering.

That differs from gang graffiti, which is less artistic. Gang graffiti could be seen recently on a shed under the BART tracks in



GRAFFITI REMAINS on a support post for the elevated BART tracks over the Ohlone Greenway in El Cerrito. The city plans to begin a program to remove graffiti almost as soon as it appears.

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ECHS principal focuses on day-to-day impact

Editor's note: This is another in an occasional series of interviews with local school principals.

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School Principal Vince Rhea learned the effect an educator can have on students when he was earning to attend Santa Clara University as an undergraduate in the early

Rhea got a job teaching physical education three hours a day at a posh boarding school nearby. The high school athlete attended St. Mary's High School, which was growing up in Berkeley had found

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When El Cerrito High Principal Vince Rhea discussed the move to a temporary campus at ContraCostaTimes.com, other editions, then The Journal.

"You really felt you were impacting the on a day-to-day basis," said Rhea, "that's the most important thing you give to a person when all is said and done. It's not whether you build something for them, but it's how you made them feel."

Students at El Cerrito High School have been feeling a little claustrophobic. Last August, the 1,400 students moved onto a temporary campus as a new permanent facility is built.

The move left the school without a gymnasium or much open space, and Rhea expressed concerns about fighting. As a result, Rhea said the school has placed safety as a top priority.

Former Albany detective lands Hastings post

Palmini in the past worked with Elvis and at Hastings will be signing copies of his book; job at school 'a good fit'

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

Bill Palmini, the retired Alameda County Police detective lieutenant and author who gained fame writing safety songs as Elvis Presley, is a cop again and a top priority at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. "It's not so different, at least in some ways, from being a municipal police officer, he says. "We are located right in the heart of the Tenderloin," said Palmini. "The on-campus crime is very, very low but the crime surrounding us are extremely

The city is somewhat similar to the city we have deans, and board of trustees, and city manager and coun-



EL CERRITO HIGH PRINCIPAL Vince Rhea, center, is flanked by assistant principals Jammersina Preston, left, and Elizabeth Watson on the El Cerrito campus on Wednesday.

The school is also focusing on academics. It's seen an increase in test scores after a state intervention team forced a shake-up of the school's curriculum.

Rhea expects the high school, which draws heavily from North Richmond, to

use the portable classrooms for the next two years. He hopes to provide some stability for the school during that time but acknowledged rumors that the West Contra Costa school district may have other plans for him.

In the meantime, six El Cerrito High School students have been chosen for a prestigious enrichment program at Dartmouth College.

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Spring carnival returns to Hilltop

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

When Kensington Hilltop Elementary School held its first spring carnival in May 1947, the nation was being led by Harry Truman, the Cold War was heating up, and Jackie Robinson had broken the color barrier in Major League Baseball just weeks earlier.

The inaugural event was an unqualified success, raising an impressive \$969.05 for the school's Dads' Club and PTA activities. Adjusted for inflation, those first proceeds would be the equivalent of between \$8,000 and \$9,000 today. Proceeds included \$38.40 from the rat race, \$3 from character analysis and \$62.25 from needlework.

A lot has changed since '47, but the carnival remains a long-standing tradition in Kensington, even if those early activities are no longer part of the fun. This year's annual event, the 59th, takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on the playground at the school, 90 Highland Blvd. "We've changed the booths and games a little since then," said PTA President Cathy Garza. "But the fun and enthusiasm the carnival generates for parents and students hasn't changed much over the years."

Saturday's carnival will be something of a homecoming as well, as it returns to its Kensington site. Last year's event was held on the grounds of Portola Middle School of El Cerrito during renovations to the Hilltop campus.

There will be games for kids of all ages (about 20 activities in all), a large selection of prizes, lunch offerings from the Dads' Club grill, a bake sale and cake walk, and a visit from the Kensington police and fire departments. There will also be a white elephant sale of rummage items. Another tradition is the raffling of a quilt designed and crafted by Kensington parents. The raffle, held for the past 22 years, generally raises about half the carnival proceeds, which are used for educational programs.

Gill said plans are already under way for the 60th annual carnival, which includes inviting all past PTA and Dads' Club presidents to attend as grand marshals. For details about the event or the raffle, e-mail Alison Roberts of the Kensington PTA at alisonroberts@aol.com or Walt Gill of the Dads' Club at wwgill335@comcast.net.

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Community generosity aids school

■ Castro Elementary's library was burned down in 2005, but an outpouring of donations is helping the school get back on track

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A worn Target bag filled with children's books sits on a desk at the new library at Castro Elementary School in El Cerrito.

It's part of the outpouring of donations that greeted the school after a suspicious fire gutted its old library. Donations were so large that West County school district assistant librarian Dolores Thompson found herself overwhelmed.

"Hundreds and hundreds of books were donated," she said. "There was a great outpouring not only from this community but all over the United States."

New Mexico author Betsy James donated a signed copy of her book "Flashlight" to the school. Others sent letters offering their condolences and donations of cash or books.

The majority of the books, however, came from Seaview Element-



WEST CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT librarian Dolores Thompson shelves new and used donated books at the Castro Elementary School library in El Cerrito last week. Hundreds of books were donated after Castro's library was destroyed in a fire last year.

tary School, the San Pablo school that closed its doors last year.

About 4,000 books came from Seaview, and about 1,000 were donated or purchased by the school.

The school hopes to eventually meet its original inventory of more than 7,000 books, Thompson said.

A suspicious morning fire on April 23, 2005, destroyed about 7,000 volumes and melted several computers and a printer.

Some 300 books were saved by students who had checked them out.

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FORMER ALBANY POLICE detective Bill Palmini is shown in 2004 at the site of a former homeless encampment in Albany, where he says the "Boxcar Serial Killer," Robert Silvera, murdered a homeless Vietnam veteran in the mid-1990s. Palmini wrote a book about the case, which he will sign in Concord on Saturday.

cil," Palmini said. "It seemed like a good fit working with students and the academic."

He also sits on a mayor's task force on homelessness and crime. "We expect that Chief Palmini will be an excellent addition to

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In memory

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NEWS BRIEFS

El Cerrito

Police to crack down on seat-belt violations

The traffic Safety Division of the El Cerrito Police Department will be conducting patrols throughout the city as part of the state's "Click It or Ticket" seat-belt safety campaign from May 14 to June 5. El Cerrito Police Department officers will issue tickets to persons not wearing seat belts.

The maximum fine for a seat-belt violation for a person over 16 years of age is \$91 for a first offense and approximately \$193 for a second offense. The 2005 California Seat Belt Use Survey revealed that 92.5 percent of vehicle occupants wear their seat belts.

— Craig Lazeretti

Elevated metal levels found at high school

Soil tests at El Cerrito High School have turned up elevated levels of metals, according to district administrators, but they do not pose a threat to students.

The campus, part of the West Contra Costa school district, is being rebuilt at a cost of \$100 million. The school district is regrading the land, and plans to haul away soil from the site.

Before dumping the dirt, the district must test for its contents, said district engineering officer Bill Savidge. Initial lab results show higher-than-usual amounts of nickel and chromium, Savidge said, but the site does not pose a health risk to students or staff.

"It's not classified as hazardous," Savidge said. The district has hired another soil geologist to review the lab results and do further testing, said district spokesman Paul Ehara. Adjacent sites are being tested as well.

The project will not be delayed because of the testing, Savidge said.

— Shirley Dang

Electronic waste drop-off event planned

The city will hold a free electronic waste drop-off event at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 3-4. The event is open to all residents and businesses. There are no residency restrictions.

The following e-waste will be accepted: computer monitors; computers/computer components; televisions; VCR and DVD players; toner cartridges; printers; fax machines; copiers; telephone equipment; cell phones; and MP3 players.

Do not bring appliances, batteries, microwaves, paints, pesticides, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help welcome e-waste event participants and direct traffic. If interested, please call Alexis Petru at 510-215-4353.

— Craig Lazeretti

Albany

Initiative backers delay sending signatures

A coalition of environmental groups has delayed plans to submit signatures for a proposed ballot initiative that would restrict development on Albany's waterfront and establish a planning process for the land.

The groups had planned to submit the required number of signatures by May 8 but decided to hold off while the city attempts to implement its own planning process. The City Council approved a resolution last week calling for Albany to examine five visions for the waterfront if the landowner agrees to pay for the process and the environmental groups drop their initiative effort. It also agreed to pursue a more limited planning process if it can't reach an agreement with the two sides.

Robert Cheasty, who heads the environmental coalition, said his groups were planning to meet with Albany officials to discuss the city-driven effort. "We're going to take it on a day-by-day basis," Cheasty said.

— Craig Lazeretti

Artists sought for Ocean View sculpture

The Albany Arts Committee is seeking artists to create a sculpture at the entrance of Ocean View Park.

The sculpture should identify Ocean View Park, and incorporate the past or present geographical or environmental character of the park. The sculpture can also be an image that represents the whole city.

The committee is accepting applications until Aug. 1, with proposals from finalists due by Nov. 10. More information is available online at www.albanyca.org/gov/parkart.html.

— Alan Lopez

Meeting to discuss Cougar Field lighting

Residents can have their say on a plan to build lighting at Cougar Field during a meeting from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday at the Albany Middle School gym, 1259 Brighton Ave.

The Albany school district also will accept comments on the plan in writing through May 29. Comments should be addressed to school district Superintendent Willie Wong, 904 Talbot Ave., Albany, CA 94706.

The school district is conducting a "scoping session" about the environmental effects that should be evaluated when it prepares an environmental impact report for the plan.

The school district wants to construct a new synthetic field and night lighting at the field, which is located north of Albany Middle School in Albany with an adjacent field in El Cerrito.

Call 510-558-3766 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

Schools

Some districts ahead of curve in soda ban

Some local districts say they won't be affected by an agreement reached last week to pull sodas out of schools.

Berkeley, Albany and Oakland school districts have not only gotten soda out of their schools but are also taking additional steps to improve nutrition at the schools.

Vending machines at Berkeley schools haven't sold soda for two years, when the Board of Education completely revamped the district's food policy, said Berkeley Unified School District spokesman Mark Coplan. Also disallowed are milk with hormones, sweetened juices, candy and junk food snack items.

"I think you'll find most schools ahead of the game," said William Wong, superintendent of the Albany Unified School District.

California law already prohibits sodas in elementary and middle schools, Wong said, and high schools are the next logical step. Albany's board implemented a policy of low-sugar content drinks in fall 2005 to begin this school year.

"We do have some flavored waters," Wong said. "We're constantly looking to improve."

— East Bay Daily News

UC joins efforts against sweatshops

Decision follows student demonstrations against university's alleged contracts with companies with poor labor practices

By Clanci Cochran
STAFF WRITER

After student protests and arrests, the University of California has agreed to participate in

a program that aims to ensure that UC does not contract with companies using sweatshops to produce school logo apparel.

The decision Friday follows UC student demonstrations — including one in Berkeley where protesters stood naked — protesting the university's alleged contracts with clothing companies that have poor labor practices.

UC President Robert Dynes

issued a statement outlining how the UC system will take part in the Designated Suppliers Program, a plan developed by a nationwide movement called United Students Against Sweatshops.

UC will require companies doing business with the system to purchase at least 25 percent of logo apparel from factories that pay living wages, respect unions or other representative

organizations, and prime products to other unions, licensees or companies with comparable practices, according to the statement.

"It's going to require a significant change in how we do business," said UC spokesman Noel Van

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, May 1

■ **VANDALISM** — At about 4 p.m., someone shot the back window of a blue 1992 Dodge parked at the end of Jackson Street.

Tuesday, May 2

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone stole several items out of an unlocked black 1999 Honda SUV parked on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue during the night.

■ **BB GUN** — During the night, someone shot a window at Marin Elementary School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street with a BB gun. There were no witnesses.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — A resident returned home in the afternoon and discovered someone had broken into his home, prowled through the bedroom, and stole his computer. A witness reported seeing a man and a woman, about 25 to 30 years old, enter the building through an unlocked window. The man was described as white, wearing a white shirt and black pants with two white vertical stripes, and the woman was described as white with blond hair wearing a blue hat and three-quarter length pants. Officers are investigating.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers arrested a 41-year-old Oakland man on San Pablo Avenue near Gilman Street for an outstanding warrant for robbery and drug possession.

Wednesday, May 3

■ **ACURA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a white 1992 Acura Integra parked on the 500 block of Santa Fe Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **BB GUN** — The principal at Cornell Elementary School on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported finding a can full of BBs and a compressed air cartridge on the playground near a classroom.

■ **DOUBLE VANDALISM** — Someone broke the window out of two In-

ternational Scout vehicles parked on the 1100 block of Masonic Avenue.

■ **MERCURY RECOVERED** — Twin Cities police reported locating a green 2000 Mercury Mountaineer that had been stolen from Albany. The owner was notified.

■ **DUI** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers stopped a black 2000 Volkswagen for a vehicle code violation and arrested the driver, a 32-year-old Oakland man, for DUI.

Thursday, May 4

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 12:30 a.m., officers stopped a gold 1991 Ford Taurus on San Pablo Avenue near Carlson Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 37-year-old Richmond woman, for DUI and driving with a suspended license. They also arrested the passenger, a 47-year-old Richmond man, for an outstanding warrant for repeated petty theft of fences.

■ **VIDEO THIEF** — At about 9 a.m., a business on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man, described as a white adult, wearing a gray sweater and black pants, stole several videos and departed on a bike.

■ **INTRUDER** — A resident on the 500 block of Curtis Street reported that someone entered her locked home and moved items in her bathroom. It was unknown how the intruders entered the home.

■ **CREDIT CARDS STOLEN** — A resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that the previous day someone entered her house and stole credit cards. She was alerted that the cards had been used.

■ **BB GUN** — During the day, someone shot out two windows on the rear of a home on the 1000 block of Talbot Street using a BB gun.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a green 2001 Toyota Tacoma parked on the 1000 block of Ventura Street and stole several power tools. There

were no witnesses.

■ **DUI** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers stopped a silver Toyota Camry near Gilman Street and Interstate 80 for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 47-year-old Pleasanton man, for DUI.

Friday, May 5

■ **OFFICE BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a business on the 1000 block of Solano Avenue and stole money from the office. There were no witnesses.

■ **VANDALISM** — Someone smashed the window of a beige 2001 Honda Civic parked on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue during the night.

■ **BROKEN WINDOW** — A resident on the 600 block of San Gabriel Street arrived home to discover the upper window of her home broken. She reported that she saw two juveniles running as she approached her home but did not see how the window was broken.

■ **BROKEN WINDOW** — Someone broke the rear window of a black 1999 Mercury parked on the 400 block of Talbot Avenue.

■ **DUI** — At about 8 p.m., officers stopped a white 1999 BMW parked near Portland and Santa Fe Avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 50-year-old El Cerrito man, for DUI.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone smashed the window of a black 1992 Ford Explorer parked on the 900 block of Jackson Street between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. and stole tools.

■ **ROBBERY** — At about 11 p.m., a man described as a black adult, wearing a jacket with fur around the collar and blue jeans, robbed a restaurant on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was last seen heading north on San Pablo Avenue on foot and was gone when officers arrived.

Saturday, May 6

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 3

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Saturday, April 29

■ **BURGLARY ARREST** — A 25-year-old Berkeley woman was arrested for burglary, possession of burglar tools and hypodermic syringes at Portola Middle School at 1021 Navellier St. Officers responded to the school on report of the suspect dismantling commercial grade electrical metering boxes. The electrical boxes can be targeted by recyclers for various metals found inside.

Tuesday, May 2

■ **ROBBERY** — A business was robbed at 11687 San Pablo Ave. when a man with a gun demanded cash around 8 p.m. The suspect was described as a black male in his 40s, between 5 feet 6 and 5 feet 8, wearing a green jacket, gray sweatshirt and nylon stocking over his face. He fled west on Cutting Boulevard.

■ **CIVIC STOLEN** — A Honda Civic was stolen from the 1300 block of Scott Street sometime between 10:30 p.m. on May 2 and 9 a.m. on May 3.

Wednesday, May 3

■ **BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect removed the window screen of a residence on the 3100 block of Yosemite Avenue and took cash and a laptop computer sometime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

■ **BURGLARY ATTEMPT** — One or more suspects attempted to force entry into a residence on the 500 block of Balra Drive by prying a rear sliding glass door between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. No entry was

made, and there was no property loss.

Thursday, May 4

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect entered a Ford Explorer on the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue and attempted to steal it sometime between 10 p.m. May 4 and 7:45 a.m. May 5. The suspect was unsuccessful, and decided to steal the alarm system from the vehicle.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect broke into two Acuras, both belonging to the same residence on the 2000 block of Junction Avenue, sometime between 9 p.m. May 4 and 6 a.m. May 5. The suspect stole miscellaneous property.

Friday, May 5

■ **ROBBERY** — Two suspects described as black males in their 20s, wearing black-hooded sweatshirts, attacked an elderly male at Cutting Boulevard and Snowdown Avenue and robbed him of his belongings around 7 p.m. The victim sustained minor facial injuries.

■ **BURGLARY ATTEMPT** — An unknown suspect removed the exterior window screen and opened the win-

dow into the residence on the 6600 block of Lincoln Street sometime between 9:30 a.m. May 5 and 8 p.m. May 6. No entry was made, and there was no property loss.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect forced entry into the locked camper shell of a Nissan Pickup on the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard and stole \$2,500 worth of property sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An unknown suspect smashed the window of a Honda Prelude on the 8000 block of Terrace Drive sometime between 9 p.m. May 5 and 8 a.m. May 6. The suspect stole \$45 worth of property.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — An un-

known suspect smashed the window of a vehicle on the 700 block of Cutting Boulevard and stole a laptop computer and a bag of \$20,000 in jewelry sometime between 7 p.m. May 5 and 6 p.m. May 6.

■ **INTEGRA STOLEN** — A silver 1992 Honda Integra was stolen from the 800 block of Carquinez Avenue sometime between midnight and

Sunday, May 7

■ **SATURN STOLEN** — A silver 1994 Saturn was stolen from the 800 block of Norwell Street sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.

— Craig

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Neighbors

Armed Forces Day features real heroes

ON DEC. 7, 1941, 18-year-old Lawson Sakai was sitting in his family kitchen, listening to the radio.

Suddenly, an announcer broke into the regular program and said the Japanese had just bombed Pearl Harbor. "I was furious," says Sakai. "I thought, 'How dare they do this to my country?'"

The next morning, he marched down to the Army recruiting office and tried to sign up. But they turned him down.

A few days later, he received a letter informing him he had been reclassified 4-C — "Enemy Alien."

"Now I was really mad," he says. "After all, I was born right here in the United States."

Two weeks later, he and his family were rounded up and along with thousands of other American citizens of Japanese descent — sent to the euphemistically named "detention camps." On guard tower were soldiers with machine guns, ready to shoot down anyone who tried to escape.

Despite all this, Sakai still decided to enlist — this time in the Navy.

But they wouldn't have him, either. Finally, in 1943, the Army was desperate for manpower, so it allowed Sakai and other Japanese-Americans in the military to join the 442nd Central Postal Directory.

They were put under the command of Caucasian officers, a few of whom — such as Col. James Hanley — treated them with respect. But others — including the commander, Gen. John Dahlquist — treated them as nothing more than cannon fodder.

During a battle on the outskirts of Biffontaine, France, Dahlquist ordered them to make a suicide attack against an impregnable German position and rescue a Texas National Guard battalion that was trapped behind enemy lines.

Unbelievably, they did it. They rescued those 211 Texans. But they suffered 800 casualties in the process. Dahlquist ordered them to assemble in the town square the next morning for a photo to publicize "his" victory.

Only a handful showed up. He angrily turned on Col. Hanley and demanded to know why.

Hanley explained that they were the only ones left standing.

The 442nd went on to earn many medals, man-for-man,



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

than any unit in American history. They are the bravest of the brave.

They liberated Bruyeres, France, just a few hours before the Germans were going to execute hundreds of resistance fighters. One of those scheduled to die was a 16-year-old boy named Francois Mitterrand, who grew up to become president of France.

Sakai was seriously wounded four times, earning him the Purple Heart with three clusters. He was actually wounded a fifth time, but he refused another cluster because he didn't think his wound was serious enough.

And he and his buddies performed these heroics for a government that continued to imprison their families behind barbed wire for the duration of the war.

Is there a greater example of returning good for evil than this? When they came back after the war, they were greeted with signs reading, "Japs and dogs not allowed." But they rebuilt their lives anyway and kept contributing to our country for the rest of their days.

Most of them are gone now; but a few, including Sakai, are still with us.

Every year on Armed Forces Day — the third Saturday in May — they gather at Roberts Park in Oakland to hold a memorial service for their friends who never came back.

And they would very much like you to join them. This year's ceremony will be held at noon on May 20.

Roberts Park is on Redwood Road, on the way to the Chabot Space & Science Center. Turn right into the parking entrance and drive through the north lot to the south lot. The Peninsula Scout Band, consisting of students from Mills High School in Millbrae, will start playing patriotic music at 11 a.m., and the service itself will begin at noon.

In an era when sports stars are called heroes, here's your chance to meet the real thing.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

FACES & PLACES

Albany seeks top citizens for honors

The Albany Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Albany Youth and Albany Citizen of the Year. Both awards date back to the 1950s.

For either award, nominees must be residents of Albany and involved in volunteer work.

If you know a worthy candidate, submit a one-page letter with your name, and the name, address and phone number of the nominee, along with a compelling description of the person's accomplishments during 2005-06 and other reasons the nominee should be considered (family members can not nominate each other).

Send nominations to the Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., Albany 94706 or e-mail to albanychamber@albanychamber.org. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. The nomination deadline is May 31.

Winners will be honored at a chamber-sponsored dinner, and will ride in the Solano Stroll parade in September.

For more details call the Karen Carlson-Olson at the chamber, 510-525-1771.

LOBSTER TIME: If you have a hankering for live Maine lobster, get your order in to Soroptomist International of El Cerrito by Wednesday by calling Jane Bartke at 510-235-1315 or Lu Tipping at 510-233-7731. The Soroptomist chapter is selling lobsters (by presale only) for \$15 each, or \$17 each for cooked. You'll be able to pick up your crustacean bounty from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 20 in the parking lot at El Cerrito City Hall, Kearney Street and Manila Avenue.

Proceeds fund the chapter's numerous community projects, including support for El Cerrito



OCEAN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Julie Valdez, center, takes a pie to the face as students and parents look on at the school's annual walkathon, held Saturday in Albany. Valdez, the new principal at Ocean View, agreed to be a good sport — and help raise some funds at \$2 a pie shot.

High School Grad Night, maintenance and display of the Sundar Shadi Christmas figures, scholarships and much more.

— Chris Treadway

POETRY WINNERS: This year's winners were announced April 8 at the 80th annual Poets' Dinner and Contest, one of the area's longest-standing traditions of verse, held annually at Spenger's Restaurant in Berkeley. The event attracts entries from around Northern California. Local poets honored included Ruth Levitan of Albany, who received first prize in the Beginnings & Endings category for her poem "Threshold" and second place in Spaces & Places for the poem "Another View of Heaven." Tim Nuven of Berkeley took an honorable mention in the Love category for "Lost Love" and in Beginnings & Endings for "Beginning to get Behind."

The event featured East Bay poet and science writer Robert McNally as guest speaker on "How Poetry Can End Global Warming, and Other Dilemmas."

— Chris Treadway

CHORALE ANNIVERSARY: The Contra Costa Choral Society celebrates its 40th anniversary with two gala anniversary concerts on May 20-21. The first concert, titled Forty-Fortissimo, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at First Unitarian Church in Kensington. It will be followed by a champagne reception. General admission is \$17.50; \$15 for seniors, students and disabled. There is no charge for those under 16.

The second concert will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. General admission is \$15; \$12 for seniors, students and the disabled; free for those under 16.

The chorus is looking forward to the first concert and reception as an opportunity for former singers to catch up with old friends. Some members of the current chorus have been with the group since it started the Richmond Symphony Chorus in 1966.

— Alan Lopez

GARDENING WORKSHOP: A Bay-friendly gardening workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. The workshop will teach people how to keep their garden healthy and toxic-free with composting and natural pest control. Some participants will be eligible to win free compost bins. Call the West County Waste Authority at 510-215-3021 to sign up or for more information.

— Alan Lopez

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Park district swim holes ready for summer fun

NOW THAT WARM WEATHER seems to be here to stay, it's time to think about swimming opportunities at the East Bay Regional Park District's nine lakes and pools.

The district swim facilities most convenient to West County are Lake Anza at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley and Lake Temescal at the junction of highways 13 and 24 in Oakland. The District also operates swim beaches with lifeguard service at Roberts Pool in Oakland, Cull Canyon in Castro Valley, Don Castro Regional Recreation Area in Hayward, Quarry Lakes in Fremont, Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, Lake Del Valle south of Livermore and Contra Loma Regional Park in Antioch.

There are swim beaches on San Francisco Bay at Crown Beach in Alameda and Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline in Point Richmond. No lifeguards are on duty at the bay beaches, so you swim at your own risk.

Swim areas are hours at all the swim areas 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., contingent on weather, attendance and staff availability. Lake Anza is open for swimming on weekends through May 14, then daily from May 20 to Sept. 24, then on weekends again from Sept. 30 through Oct. 8. Swim area admission is \$3.50 per person for ages 16 through 61; \$2.50 for ages 1



NED MACKAY
Park It

through 15, seniors (62 and older) and disabled persons of any age; and free for infants under a year old.

Lake Temescal is now open on weekends through May 21, daily from May 27 through Sept. 4, then on weekends again from Sept. 9 through Sept. 17. Admission to the swim beach at Lake Temescal costs \$3 for ages 16 through 61; \$2 for ages 1 through 15, seniors, disabled; and free for infants under a year old. Temescal also has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle.

The district's other swim areas are generally open on weekends through Memorial Day, then daily for the summer.

While you are splashing around in the water, here are some swim safety tips to keep in mind:

■ Know your swimming ability and stay within it. District swim areas have ropes and floats separating shallow waters from deeper ones.

■ Supervise your children at all times. District lifeguards are experienced and well-trained, but they can't always see everyone, especially on hot, crowded summer days.

■ Do not mix swimming with alcoholic beverage consumption.

■ Obey any instructions from the lifeguard staff, especially during emergency situations.

■ Don't forget the sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat. Nothing can spoil a pleasant summer day as quickly as a bad sunburn.

The district also offers a junior lifeguard program at some

of its swim areas. It's a fun-filled, two-week session designed to teach water safety, first aid and lifeguard skills to youths 9 through 15.

Lake Anza will have a junior lifeguard session June 19-30. Lake Temescal will run one from July 31 through Aug. 11. The fee is \$200 (\$220 for nondistrict residents); there's a 10 percent discount for siblings or multiple sessions and a mandatory uniform costing \$30. Each enrollee must complete a 50-yard swim test on the first day.

Roberts Pool is offering morning and evening swim lessons in June, July and August for all ability levels. The fee is \$50 per session (\$56 for nondistrict residents). Given that swimming and boating are a major part of the Bay Area lifestyle, it's extremely important to "waterproof" your children, and yourself for that matter, by learning how to swim.

For more information about all the Park District's aquatic programs, visit www.ebparks.org on the Internet, or phone the district's reservations department at 510-636-1684.

Ned Mackay writes about East Bay Regional Park District sites and activities. E-mail him at nedmackay@comcast.net.

LET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Cats: 1-year-old female gray and black German shepherd; 6-month-old female black with white chest border collie mix; 11-month-old male white and brown Jack Russell terrier mix; 1-year-old male black and tan Rottweiler/husky mix; 3-year-old female tricolor Australian shepherd mix; 9-year-old Bernese mountain dog.

Adoption fees: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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Mother's Day Sweepstakes!

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

What Magna's problems mean for Albany racetrack

A STORY OUT of Toronto last week about Magna Entertainment Corp.'s latest financial results created an immediate buzz in Albany. Magna, which owns Golden Gate Fields, included in its quarterly report a footnote warning that its ability to continue as a "going concern" was in "substantial doubt" because of debt and cash-flow problems and delays in the sale of a racetrack near Pittsburgh.

The coalition of environmental groups leading the opposition to Magna's plans to develop part of its land on Albany's waterfront seized on this disclosure as proof that the company is in financial distress and that Golden Gate Fields' days may be numbered. Of course, this would fit nicely with their grand plan to see Albany's largest taxpayer cease its operations, opening the way for most of the track's land to be purchased and turned into a public park.

Before anyone starts making plans to raze the grandstand at Golden Gate Fields, it's important to understand just what Magna's disclosure may or may not mean about the future of the Albany waterfront.

Here's what it does mean: Magna Corp. continues to endure financial hardships with its horseracing operations throughout North America. Of course, that's nothing new. It's been common knowledge for some time that Magna is bleeding red ink, which has given rise to the speculation in Albany that Golden Gate Fields is on its last legs. The quarterly report simply reinforced what we already know and made it clear that Magna's turnaround strategy hasn't borne fruit.

What it doesn't necessarily mean is that the company is on the verge of financial collapse and that for-sale signs will start popping up any day. It's important to keep in mind that companies enduring troubled times have a strong incentive to include warnings in financial reports like the one Magna issued. They can be an important shield against the possibility of lawsuits by disgruntled investors should the company's outlook worsen.

But it doesn't mean the company believes that is a likely outcome. In fact, according to a story in the Toronto Globe and Mail, Magna Chairman Frank Stronach said during a conference call that he expected the company to be debt-free by next spring. The company also emphasized that it expects the sale of The Meadows to eventually be completed.

Even if Magna were to buckle under the weight of its debt, it's far from clear what that would mean for Golden Gate Fields. If Magna filed for bankruptcy protection, it could continue its operations while crafting a restructuring plan, much as companies such as PG&E and Kmart have done in recent years. If it did decide to sell Golden Gate Fields, it's possible another company would be interested in continuing to operate a racetrack there. After all, the probable closure of Bay Meadows in San Mateo would leave GGF without a competitor in the Bay Area.

And what if the racetrack did cease operations and Magna proved willing to hand over the land for the right price? Given current indications that the state park system is strapped financially, there is a big question as to where and how the money would be found to build and maintain a new park. For those who want open space on the Albany shoreline, it might actually work to their advantage to see the racetrack hold on for another five or 10 years.

The bottom line is that the footnote in Magna's quarterly report changes nothing. Speculation about the future of Golden Gate Fields remains just that. And the dream of turning the land into a state park is no closer to reality.

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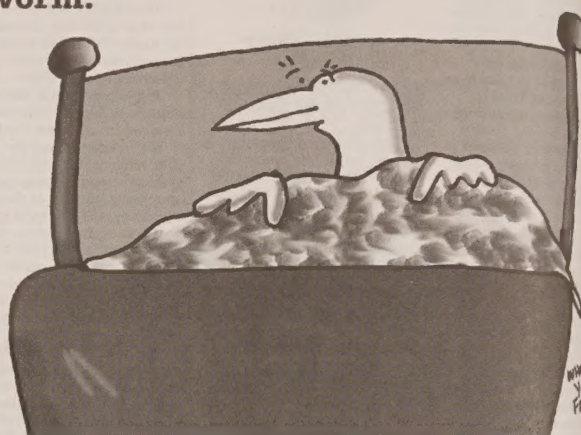
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We'll get the worm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unfair to property owners

I would like to address the comment made by Councilwoman Janet Abelson regarding El Cerrito homeowners' rejection of a property tax hike to pay for public lighting and landscaping fees.

In the April 28 Journal, Abelson said she didn't like an election that allowed only property owners to vote. I'm sorry, but if you're asking homeowners to pay for public improvements, it's not unfair that homeowners be given the opportunity to decide the outcome of that request.

By passing Proposition 218 in 1996, homeowners and non-homeowners obviously agreed that what's unfair is for city councils to have the right to arbitrarily raise fees and assessments on homeowners without redress.

So, have a special election and ask the question: "Should sales tax be raised in El Cerrito to pay for public landscaping and lighting?" Then, homeowners and non-homeowners could decide together.

Patricia Lollis
El Cerrito

Street is not safer

Charles Siegel's letter (Journal, May 5), regarding the reconfiguration of Marin Avenue, states, "Now we know that it reduces speed and makes the street safer, and that it still works for automobile traffic."

Berkeley is now trying to determine why speed hasn't been reduced on Marin Avenue and there's no evidence, in the brief length of time since the reconfiguration, that Marin has been made safer.

The reconfiguration has made this only main corridor for east-west traffic, from Mooser Lane in El Cerrito to University Avenue in Berkeley, a mess. Two-to-three-block traffic jams are now common, particularly at the San Pablo Avenue end of the street.

When the street was two lanes in either direction, traffic could easily go around people making right- and left-hand turns and drivers going 15 miles an hour. Now, smog-polluting traffic jams are the norm.

The biggest traffic hazards in Berkeley and Albany are motorists who ignore the rights of pedestrians and bicyclists who ignore all traffic laws, neither of which will be addressed by restriping Marin Avenue.

All this project has done is increase chances for accidents by forcing drivers onto narrow side streets to get around Marin traffic jams.

Stephanie Travis
Albany

Time for a change

I believe our schools would be safer if they were structured similarly to Berkeley and Albany schools, with each city having its own school district.

A local official told me that most cities within the West Contra Costa school district have wanted to do this but couldn't, since it requires a majority vote of the people. I can't believe our voters wouldn't approve a measure to improve our schools, increase property values and reduce crime, violence and student traffic.

The school district has been poorly managed for years. More and more residents are forced to move their children to outside schools to receive a higher-quality education in a safer environment since this school district cannot provide it. How did the West Contra Costa school district become lord and master of so

many cities? Clearly, it's more than it can handle.

Now, the school district is implementing a uniform policy. Uniforms won't make problem students behave. Why punish good students instead of enforcing better discipline policies?

This is another Band-Aid solution from a district that can't deal with its problems. This school district needs to be eliminated, so each city can run its own district.

Darda Swanson
El Cerrito

Not interested
in residents' input

The Albany City Council had a question at the May 1 meeting about whether Caruso Affiliated would be interested in supporting a community planning process for the Albany waterfront, a request brought to the council by numerous community members.

If they refresh their memories, at a council meeting a few months ago, Matt Middlebrook, Caruso's representative in Albany, stood up and very clearly indicated they were not interested in a community process. Why would the council expect them to change their mind?

At the May 1 meeting, there was ample opportunity for Middlebrook to come forward and clarify the Caruso position. In fact, the absence of response was so conspicuous as to only solidify their position in my mind.

They want the Albany waterfront, they think they can get it, and they do not want or value the input of Albany residents in an open citizen planning process.

Marjorie Atkinson
Albany

Atkinson is the co-chairwoman of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline.

Vote 'yes'
on Measure G

As a concerned resident and Albany library patron, I would like to urge all Albany voters to support and vote "yes" on Measure G in the upcoming June election.

Measure G will allow the Albany Library to open for four hours on Sunday. I know that as a working parent it is often hard to schedule time for library visits during the week. Adding Sunday hours would allow more families, students and seniors accessibility to our library's resources and programs.

Measure G will reinstate lost staff hours (18 hours per week) that were cut last year. It would help the library staff increase service levels back to the levels of 2004. And remember, all money raised

by this measure will stay in Albany and be used exclusively for our library.

The Albany Library needs our help and the people of Albany need to help. Vote "yes" on Measure G on June 6.

Linda T. Yamamoto
Albany

Yamamoto is the chairwoman of the Albany Library Board.

Inexplicable

I was heartened to read in recent Journal articles that the Albany City Council has agreed to pursue a comprehensive planning process for the future of the Albany shoreline.

I was dismayed, however, to also read that the council is asking Magna Corp., the owner of the racetrack, to pay for the process. This is akin to asking the fox to design the henhouse.

The council was elected to represent all Albany residents. The waterfront planning process should do the same in a fair and unbiased manner. That will be impossible if the process is paid for by a corporation that seeks to increase its revenues from the end result.

The waterfront is a precious resource to Albany. Deciding its future is too important to allow one large stakeholder to have such enormous financial influence.

It is the City Council's duty to find alternatives that Albany residents can trust.

Marianne Cullen
Albany

Salmon fishing

At the turn of the century, commercial salmon fishing consisted of finding a river, building a cannery, stretching a net across the mouth, and collapsing the stock within a decade.

Responding to the crisis, the state banned commercial gillnetting, pushing fishermen out to sea and, thereby, reducing the number of salmon caught.

Today, we are in the midst of another crisis. Despite the exceptionally healthy condition of the Sacramento and San Joaquin runs, commercial salmon on the West Coast has been severely restricted.

Fish from the degraded Klamath River mix with healthy stocks and all fishing must be curtailed since there is no way to distinguish stocks. Or is there? Realizing gillnetting in the rivers would ensure fewer Klamath salmon were caught than under even the current severe restrictions, while providing the state's beleaguered fishermen the opportunity to harvest our abundant resource.

Unlike the boom-and-bust fishing of the 1900s, this time it would be well managed. Fishermen would have a limit on how many fish they could take, and be allowed to fish only on even-numbered days.

Managers would be able to closely monitor the fisheries, ensuring the optimal number of fish returned to spawning. Endangered stocks would be better protected, as fishing would be restricted during their spawning times.

Bycatch and mortality of other ocean-going fish, including immature salmon, would be eliminated. Indeed, we'd be ensuring fish were caught at their maximum size. Finally, this kind of fishing is much safer and cost-effective than the current open-ocean fishery.

Let the recreational anglers buy the gear and brave the high seas, but let the commercial folks stretch a net across a river and catch the surplus for the rest of us.

Dan Abbott
Albany

Abbott is a fisheries economist.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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The annual Friends of the Albany Library book sale will be held Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will include a variety of books, with a bag for \$5. Books are \$1. The sale will include children's books, recent fiction, paperbacks and tables of nonfiction categorized by categories such as psychology, religion and crafts, as well as books in many languages.

The library's teen movie program continues with a series of films by award-winning director Hayao Miyazaki on the first Wednesday of each month. The following films are scheduled: June 7: "Kiki's Delivery Service"; July 5: "Spirited Away." This program is aimed at middle and high school students. They start at 5 p.m. and finish by 7:15 p.m. at the latest. For more information, visit the teen area at the Albany Library or contact Teen Services Librarian Julia Witwer at 518-526-3720.

Free drop-in homework help is available for students in third through fifth grades. The homework center is open Mondays and Thursdays (except county holidays) and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17. Email: jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org. Weekly singalongs are held on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Dale and Bobbie. The sessions are free for all ages. No registration required. Call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

Knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. on your own project or make blankets and children's hats for those of recent disasters. Instruction, yarn and needles are provided for all projects. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

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The library is offering free beginning and intermediate classes on Saturday mornings. All classes start at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Please sign up in advance. The schedule of classes is posted on the library's website. May 20: Finding newspaper articles. May 27: Travel information; May 31: Finding magazine articles.

Children and their families are invited to the library on Saturday, May 20, at 11 a.m. for a special family event titled "Up, Up and Away! That Fly - Stories and Crafts." Come and listen to stories about flying things, then make a mini flying saucer or a paper plane at Fairmont Park. This program is presented in collaboration with the Contra Costa Department of Recreation.

Miss Addison, author of "Miss Addison's Guide to Raising Perfectly Polite Children," will be at the library to discuss her book with interested parents on Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Miss Addison (a.k.a. Miss Addison) has been a professional author for 18 years, including writing with celebrities like Caroline Kennedy and Kathleen Turner.

Stacy Steinberg Turel will give a presentation on "Our Parents, Our Future: How American Health Care Policies Affect Middle Age and Beyond," on Wednesday, May 23, at 7 p.m.

For a daughter of aging parents, her personal stories with medication to explore how aging affects our daily lives. She will cover health issues such as healthy aging and independent living, dementia

and depression, women as caregivers, and Medicare, emphasizing that her own baby-boomer generation must start thinking now about their years ahead.

■ The May meeting of Readers Anonymous has been canceled. The group usually meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Future titles: June 27: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson; July 25: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hour-long appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

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■ The Friends of the Kensington Library book sale will be held Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center at 59 Arlington Blvd. Special events include a silent auction on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Bag Sale on Sunday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be Monday, May 22, at 7 p.m. The group will discuss "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway. Future titles: June 26: "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry; July 24: "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London; Aug. 28: "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez; Sept. 25: "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 23: "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ Pastel paintings by Oakley artist Nancy Roberts will be featured during June 15 at the library. In her "Delta Series" Roberts explores the intricate structure of bare trees and shimmering reflections, while her still lifes and florals present a lively new take on familiar subjects.

■ Meet real wild animals during Bonnie Cromwell's Classroom Safari on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

■ Family story times will hold Tuesday evenings on May 16 and 30 at 7 p.m. All ages welcome (best for preschool and older).

■ "Castoffs," the library's knitting club, will meet next on Monday, June 5, at 7 p.m. for an evening of knitting, show and tell and yarn exchange. All levels are welcome, and some help will be provided. This group meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Contra Costa County

■ The Contra Costa County Library's summer reading program will run June 12-Aug. 21. Follow the animal tracks on your reading record to fun and prizes during the kids reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," for children through grade 5. See what's lurking around the corner for all teens who read during "Creature Feature: Teens Read 2006," for teens in grades 6-12. The library system also introduces the first annual adult reading program for everyone age 18 and older. Simply read and submit a raffle ticket for your chance to win exciting prizes in weekly countywide drawings held throughout the summer. For more information or to get started, please contact your community library, call 1-800-984-4636 or visit www.ccclib.org.

— Craig Lazzaretto

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JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

ONE OF THE ongoing jobs of a librarian is the weeding of books — that is, deciding whether or not a book will stay in the collection.

Sometimes this is done if the book hasn't been checked out for a long time or if it's a nonfiction book that is out of date. But, particularly in the children's collection, this is frequently done for condition. Well-loved children's books are just that: well-loved. And so they wear out or have crayon scribbles or missing or torn pages. Some can be mended, of course, and we do that as long as possible. Eventually, though, a book reaches the end of its

life. It isn't easy to remove a favorite book because it will leave a hole, and so we try to replace as many as we can. Unfortunately, sometimes this is impossible, because many children's books are out of print. I was reminded of this recently as I was going over a list of recently removed books. As I looked up each of them, I discovered that about half are now unavailable.

This is an issue for all of us who deal with children and books. In fact, the Children's Book Council (www.cbcbooks.org) just ended a poll in February 2006, asking "librarians, teachers, parents and kids to name a children's

book they would love to see reissued." There were an amazing 1,094 people who responded — almost half of them were librarians.

CBC posted the top 10 books from the list: "Wish You Were Here," by Barbara Shoup; "Hi, Pizza Man," by Virginia Walter; "How Do I Put It On," by Shigeo Watanabe; "The Fat Cat," by Jack Kent; "Mousekin's Golde House," by Edna Miller; "Popcorn," by Frank Asch; "Ant and Bee" (series) by Angela Banner; "The Big Fat Worm," by Nancy Van Laan; "The Winter of Enchantment," by Victoria Walker; and "The Christmas Cookie Sprinkle Snitcher," by VIP.

I remember my children loving "How Do I Put It On," and I was sad to see that Kent's "Fat Cat" is on the list, because it is a great book for storytimes.

When I was looking for more information about out-of-print books, I came across Loganberry Books, a bookstore in Cleveland that also has an easy-to-use and friendly Web site. One of the features on the site is a list of books that are now

back in print. I was surprised to see so many books listed that I either own or that are still in the library collection. For instance, the wonderful "Harry the Dirty Dog," by Gene Zion, has been re-released, as well as Russell and Lillian Hoban's "Frances" books.

Many of the books listed as either out-of-print or re-released have continued to be popular with children generation after generation. A good example is "The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes," by Du Bose Heyward. I got my home copy of that book at a garage sale when my children were little. I was looking at it, when the woman who was selling it walked over to me and said, "Are you familiar with this book?" When I told her I wasn't, she said, "Every child should have this book — I'll give it to you so you can, too." And she was right — my children loved it.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

FLJ APPLICATIONS: Applications for The Future Leaders Institute can be picked up in front of Becca Burns' office. Applications are due on or before 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the FLJ Final Presentation and Celebration in the Little Theater. The first team of 12 Albany High School FLJ team members will present their dreams, community impact projects, personal growth and plans for leadership.

PEER COUNSELING: AHS is organizing and creating a peer counseling program. The program will start next year, and is run by students and the health coordinator, Shelly Ball. If you are interested in applying to become a peer counselor, pick up an application in the counseling office and drop it off there when finished. The deadline is May 19. If you have any questions, talk to Shelly Ball.

SCIENCE BOWL TEAM: Albany High has welcomed home its Science Bowl team from Washington D.C., where it placed fourth in the nation. The U.S. Department of Energy conducted regional competitions in each state and began with 12,000 students. The final rounds, to determine the Final Four, were conducted at the Department of Energy, to an audience of more than 500 spectators, including three members of the president's cabinet: The secretary of energy, the secretary of education, and the secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency. Congratulations to Captain Bing Xia, Zi Wang, Andrey Polevayev, Ian Allen, and Jackie Quinn.

PROM 2006: The cost today for Saturday night's festivities is \$100, and includes a beautiful night (Bella Notte) in the Stanford Court Hotel perched atop Nob Hill in downtown San Francisco. The ticket includes a full dinner of samples from venues at Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, North Beach, the Mission, and Loma Vista, with something sweet from Chirardelli. Will your student be ordering flowers? If so, please direct them to La Vie en Rose, 1272 Solano Ave., across from Key Route, or Golden Poppy, 1160 Solano Ave., across the street from the post office. Tell the proprietor that you want to support the AHS Class of '06 with this purchase, and make sure they'll put you on their list.

GRADUATION VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed for last-minute pickup and delivery of food/rental items, etc. to be delivered to the graduation party site (the Albany Bowl). Parents are also needed to chaperone. To help, please contact Marilyn at pacificplace@earthlink.net or 510-526-1457.

SENIOR LUNCH: The Senior Lunch will be held on June 9 this year, and help is needed in preparing the lunch. You can help by baking three dozen cupcakes (don't need to be available June 9, contact Deb Krow at debokrow@sbglobal.net or 510-525-3367); purchasing a flat of (24) drinks, water or seltzer water (don't need to be available June 9, contact Peggy Schmidt at jsch1492@aol.com or 510-237-7166); purchasing and washing a flat of strawberries (don't need to be available June 9 but need to deliver morning of or evening before, contact Piera Cirillo at ccirillothompson@sbglobal.net or 510-527-0642); helping with set-up (need to be available June 9, early morning, contact Piera Cirillo at ccirillothompson@sbglobal.net or 510-527-0642); helping with serving (need to be available June 9 from noon until 1:30 p.m., contact Piera Cirillo at ccirillothompson@sbglobal.net or 510-527-0642).

SCHOLARSHIP: The Chinese American Women's Business League is offering an \$800 scholarship for a Chinese American senior who will be attending a university this fall. The criteria include academic achievements, extracurricular activities, community service and financial need. A personal statement and letter of recommendation are required. Applications are available in the scholarship file, and must be received by May 15.

Albany Middle School

PLAY OPENING: Saturday is the opening for this year's play, "From the Slums of Piedmont," a comedy that parodies "8 Mile" and was written and directed by Mr. Gamba. The play continues next Friday and Saturday. Curtain for all shows is 7:30 p.m. at the AHS Little Theater. Tickets are on sale at the school office for \$10.

WRITING CAMP: All sixth, seventh and eighth grade writers and wanna-be writers can pick up a flyer for Ms. Skirvan's creative writing camp this summer. See Ms. Skirvan in Room 210 for details. Spots are filling up.

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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

GRAD NITE MEETING: The first meeting of the 2007 Grad Nite Committee will be Tuesday, May 30, at 7 p.m. in Room 7. Please come ready to take a committee position and present ideas for fund-raising.

GATE MEETING: There will be a year-end GATE meeting at ECHS on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 17. All parents and guardians of GATE students as well as other interested individuals are invited to attend.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: The city of El Cerrito is recruiting a freshman or sophomore to sit on the Human Relations Commission. The commission meets the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at City Hall. The commission is responsible for three annual city events — Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, the Fourth of July table, and the Diversity Forum in the fall. Please contact Sandy Chapek at 510-215-4304 for more information.

Fairmont Elementary

RUMMAGE SALE: The school will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. Proceeds will benefit the school's emergency preparedness program. Items include toys, books, arts and craft supplies, housewares, clothing and collectibles. The school is located at 724 Kearney St.

Harding Elementary

HARDING OLYMPICS: The second annual Harding Olympics will be Wednesday, May 31. Sign-up sheets have gone home with students. Volunteers are needed to help solicit merchant prizes. If you can help, please contact Tara at Tara.Fauria@McKesson.com.

COMMITTEE MEETING: An English Learners Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 22. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. in the school library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

ZIP'S ASSEMBLY: The Zip's Great Day Assembly will be Wednesday, May 24. This will be the third and final PTA-sponsored school-wide assembly. The theme is living healthy and feeling great. Previous assemblies were "The Great White Shark Adventure" and "The Recycling Wizard."

PTA MEETING: The last PTA Meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5 in the Harding Library. Child care will be provided.

GRADE 6 OPENINGS: Harding has a few openings in grade six for next school year. For more information, call the Harding office at 510-231-1413 before June 9.

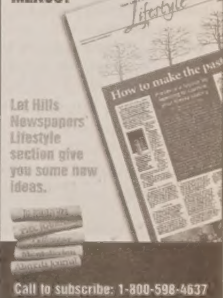
Madera Elementary

CARNIVAL: Madera will hold its spring carnival on Saturday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be many game booths, and kids can also get tattoos or fingernail painting, and do arts and crafts. Madera is located at 8500 Madera Drive, just off the Arlington near the Golf Course.

FOUNDER'S DAY: The Madera PTA is celebrating Founder's Day and the 50th anniversary of Madera Elementary School on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The school would like to invite former staff and PTA members to attend but have lost their contact information over the years. The cost of tickets is \$5, and they can be purchased at the door. Anyone who wishes to attend should call 510-559-8919 to RSVP.

— Craig Lazzaretto

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Albany High teacher Laura Mori, 62, dies

By Allison Menzimer
CORRESPONDENT

High school has a funny habit of dogging your footsteps.

Even when you're settled into a new life, it's never quite as far behind you as you might think. And after learning of the passing of longtime English teacher Laura Mori, 62, who died April 9 after fighting breast cancer for more than 20 years, Albany High School has been on my mind quite a bit.

One of the memorable English teachers I had at AHS, Mori was a mentor who truly cherished her teaching experience, bringing excitement, literature, theater, food and foreign films to a generation of AHS students.

Great friend and fellow English teacher Gloria Sims recalled: "Laura desperately missed teaching, and never would have retired had she not had to. Near her death she told me that she could hear the Albany High bells ringing and wondered what was going on in the classrooms."

Mori began her teaching career in 1966, when, after graduating from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., she joined the Peace Corps and was stationed in Guyana. She had previously taken only one course in education, and her school supplies consisted of a room and a chalkboard. Her time in the Peace Corps gave her numerous rich experiences and stories for future classrooms.

Mori's husband of more than 35 years, Kaz, described her first teaching experience as a "trial by fire."

"I didn't know anything," Mori herself recalled in a 2004 interview.

When she returned from Guyana in 1968, Mori moved to the Bay Area and started teaching middle school in the Mt. Diablo school district, where she met her future husband. She took off several years of teaching to have their two sons, Kenji and Tosh, both AHS graduates, classes of 1994 and 1997, respectively.

Mori and her family moved to Albany in 1987, and she began teaching part time at MacGregor High School and senior classes at AHS. When a job opened up at AHS shortly thereafter, she took it, and taught there until her retirement in June 2004.

"Laura taught me how to look beyond regular assignments and find all the creative ways to make literature exciting," said Gloria Sims. "I miss the cooking smells coming from her classroom and the lovely quilts, all of which made reading and writing more



Laura Mori

IF YOU GO:

- **WHAT:** Memorial service for Laura Mori
- **WHEN:** Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.
- **WHERE:** Northbrae Church, 941 The Alameda (Solano) in Berkeley.

relevant to kids."

Teaching occupied her life completely, teacher Ned Purdom remembered.

"Laura gave the English department boxes of lesson plans. They are filled with newspaper clippings, playbills, Web sites — anything to make literature current. Laura never stopped thinking about her students."

Many AHS faculty and staff members mentioned how strong Mori was, and how her illness never seemed to be a factor when it came to doing her job. Mori had battled breast cancer since 1982 but did not let it dictate her life. Though she was in some form of cancer treatment since 1995, she and her family continued to travel extensively, including trips to Hawaii, Tahiti, Europe and Japan.

To her students, especially, she seemed her usual optimistic, maternal self. At the close of finals week in 2004, her Honors English class walked into her classroom to find a congratulatory bagel bar laid out in front of the desks, complete with three kinds of schmear.

Laura Mori was an exemplary teacher, and right up to her retirement, she was driven by a passion to connect with students and do what she loved. She is remembered fondly by her family, friends, co-workers, and the generation of students to whom she showed boundless warmth.

Allison Menzimer is a 2005 AHS graduate and a freshman at UC Santa Barbara.

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddings@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Coming Up

Music

■ **Cal Performances Centennial Celebration** — May 12, 7:30 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Features Mark Morris Dance Group, John Adams, Michael Tilson Thomas, Lisa Vroman, San Francisco Opera Orchestra. Cost: \$48-\$90; 510-642-9988 or calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Mini Concert Series** — 8 p.m., Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. May 12, Bobby Ingram combines piano & humor. — June 2, Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble plays Dufay, Obrecht, Isaac, Taeggio, Gabrieli, more. — June 30, Bay Area Classical Harmonies performs Greek & Russian vocal music. Cost: \$15, \$50 for six concerts, \$2 children under 16. Details: 510-526-9146.

■ **Jazzschool** — 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. May 13, 8 p.m., Kristen Strom. \$12-\$18. — May 14, 4:30 p.m., Sandy Cressman's Homenagem Brasileira. \$15-\$18. — May 19, 8 p.m., Beegie Adair Trio. \$15-\$18. — May 20, 8 p.m., Good For Cows & John Schott's Dream Kitchen. \$12. — May 21, 4:30 p.m., Advanced High School Jazz Workshop. \$10. — May 27, 8 p.m., Pyeng Threadgill. \$12. — May 28, 4:30 p.m., Sarah Manning Quartet. \$12-\$15. Details: 510-845-5373, jazzschool.com.

■ **St. Mark's Choir Association & Orchestra** — May 14, 10 a.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Celebrate 250th Anniversary of Mozart's Birth with performance of "Coronation Mass" & "Regina Coeli." Details: 510-845-0888, stmarksberkeley.org.

■ **Chamber Music Concert** — May 14, 4 p.m., Crowden Music Center, 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Music by Mendelssohn, Gliere, Rossini, faculty members Molly Axmann & Ken Durling. Cost: \$12, children free. Details: 510-559-2941, crowden.org.

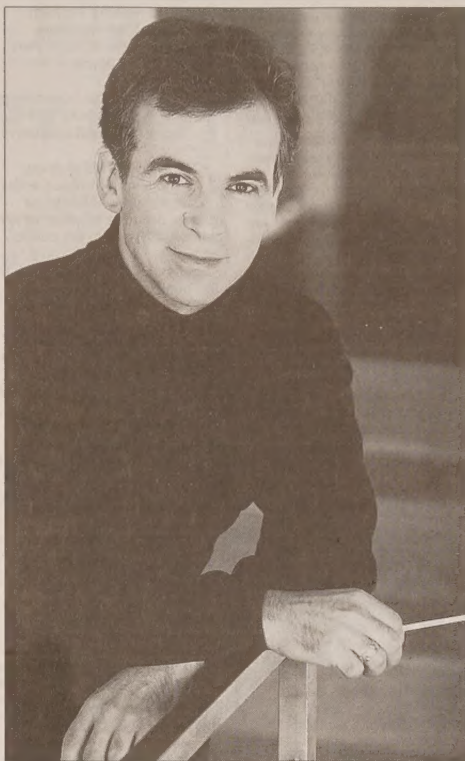
■ **Organ concert** — May 14, 6:10 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Giorgio Parolini, organist of Basilica di St. Eufemia in Milan, Italy, plays works of Buxtehude, Martini, Krebs, Mozart, Gherardeschi, Von Bach. Details: 510-845-0888, stmarksberkeley.org.

■ **Contra Costa Chorale Gala Concert** — May 20, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian-Universalist Church, One Lawson Road, Kensington. "Forty-Fortissimo" 40th anniversary concert features opera excerpts from Mozart, Beethoven, Verdi, Joplin, more. Champagne reception follows. Cost: \$15-\$17.50, children free. Details: 510-527-2026.

■ **Jazz on 4th Street Festival** — May 21, 12-5 p.m., 4th Street between Hearst & Virginia avenues, Berkeley. Free performances by Bill Bell Quartet, Big Belly Blues Band, John Santos Quintet, Berkeley High Jazz Orchestra & Combos. Merchants selling their wares & food. Benefit for Berkeley High School performing arts. Details: 510-526-6294.

■ **San Francisco Chamber Orchestra & Volti** — "Our Voices Rise in Song Together" concert. May 21, 4 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Features works of Britten, Imbrie, Wings. Tickets: \$8-\$20; 415-771-3352, voltisf.org.

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BENJAMIN SIMON conducts the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra as it jointly presents "Our Voices Rise in Song Together" with Volti at 4 p.m. May 21 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. The program features performances of Benjamin Britten's "Cantata Misericordium," Andrew Imbrie's "On the Beach at Night" and other works. Volti will premiere Mark Wing's "Open the Book of What Happened" for a cappella chorus. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for seniors over 60 and \$8 for students under 18 with ID. SFCO Association members are admitted free. For tickets call the box office at 415-771-3352 or visit voltisf.org. For more information, visit sfchamberorchestra.org.

■ **Organ Music at St. John's** — May 21, 4 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Roberta Gray plays Bach. Reception follows. Donation: \$15. Details: 510-845-6880.

■ **Spring Celebration Concert** — May 25, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. Features composer John Adams, Crowden School students. Free. Details: 510-559-6910, crowden.org, jstrauss@crowden.org.

■ **Baroque Pearls** — May 27, 8 p.m., St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. Flauti Diversi presents a program of chamber music. Tickets: \$18 general, \$15 SFEMS members/seniors/students. Reservations and details: 510-527-9940.

■ **Chamber Music Sundaes** — May 28, 3:15 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Features works of Rocaach, Mozart, Shostakovich. Coming up: June 11, works of Strauss, Fauré; Scottish fiddle duos. Cost: \$9-\$21. Details: 415-584-5946, chambermusicsundaes.org.

■ **June at Jazzschool** — 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. June 3, 8 p.m., Karen Blikt. \$15. — June 4, 4:30 p.m., Marc Cary's Focus Trio. \$12. — June 10, 8 p.m., Ed Saindon & Dick Whittington. \$20. — June 11, 4:30 p.m., Tanara. \$12-\$15. — June 17, 8 p.m., Vocal Sauce. \$12. Details: 510-845-5373, jazzschool.com.

■ **"An Evening of Harp Music"** — June 3, 8 p.m., St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2005 North Berryman Street, Berkeley. A benefit concert in honor of Julie and Paul Rogers. All proceeds will go to the Julie and Paul Rogers Memorial Harp Scholarship Fund. Tickets available at the door starting one hour before show and by calling 510-548-3326. Minimum suggested donations: \$7 children and seniors; \$15 general. Message Line: 510-548-3326.

■ **Philharmonia Chamber Players** — June 10, 10:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Viva Vivaldi: Concerti by Candelight featuring David Taylor, lute; Hanneke van Proosdij, recorder; and Tanya Tomkins, cello. Tickets \$20-\$40 and available by calling 510-642-9988 or at http://bfh.berkeley.edu/. Discounts given to UC Berkeley affiliates, students, seniors and Berkeley Festival subscription purchasers.

■ **Women's Spring concert** — June 18, 4 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Features works of Larsen, Szymkos, Thompson, Menck, Shaker music; bluesy arrangements of "Shenandoah" with jazz vocals. Cost: \$10-\$20, at door 974-9169. Details: women'sinfo@womensing.org.

■ **St. Peter C.M.E. Church** — Annual Church Revival. May 12, 6-8 p.m., Cypress Ave., El Cerrito. \$20. "Praise and Worship." 7 p.m. Service. Free. Details: 650-529-0135.

■ **Kol Hadash** — Events at Community Center, 1249 Hillside Albany. Music led by Cantor Bon Singer. May 12, 6-8 p.m. Pot Luck (Humanistic) Shabbat. Free. RSVP with food to info@kolhadash.org. — 7:30 p.m., Humanistic Shabbat & Sam Zabb-Parmley's Shabbat Celebration. Bring your food for needy. Free.

■ **Chabad of the East Bay** — 15, 5 p.m., Tilden Park, Palo Alto. Site, Berkeley. Community B'Orer Celebration. Koolhaas Bounce, live music, book. June 2, 11 a.m., 2843 College Berkeley. Celebrate Shabbat Cream Party, hear Ten Commandments, relive Mt. Sinai experiences. Details: 510-540-5824.

■ **Pacific School of Religion** — Commencement ceremony 3:30 p.m., First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Broadway Oakland. Reception follows. 510-849-8229.

■ **Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center** — Events at nut St. May 21, 10:30 a.m., 50+ Singles' Books, Discussion Fellowship Group. Free. — 7:30 p.m., Dr. Brian Linde at Harms Way. Toxic Threats. — May 24, 7:30 p.m., author Dr. Matt discusses "The Zohar." — Through May 25, Thursday 11:45 a.m., My Toddler and Recovery Group. \$12/session. brjcc.org or 510-848-0237.

■ **Breathexperience** — 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Midtown for Breathexperience. "Crotte Way," #104, Berkeley. \$13. Growing Older with Sexuality and Grace. — May 14, 10:30 a.m., Communications, relationships. — May 27, Meditation, 28, Hard Work. Find your ever your physical ability. 510-981-1710, mib@breathexperience.com.

■ **Fibromyalgia Support and Information Group** — May 18, 12:15-1:15 p.m., Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, Maffly Auditorium. "Pain Free, rally" — Integrative and Alternative Medicine Therapies for Fibromyalgia presentation by Lorenzo P. Cencsed acupuncturist with Pain Care. Free and open to all with fibromyalgia and related conditions and the people who support them. Please refrain from using grants. Details: 510-644-3570.

■ **Free Bone Density Testing** — 22, 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m., Elphinstone, 1607 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Testing to raise awareness of osteoporosis & help people assess their risk. Details: elephantpharmacy.com.

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Schools

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GIANT PUMPKINS: If you're interested in growing giant pumpkins this year, please e-mail Richard Trout at kalmintrout@comcast.net. You get free pumpkin seedlings and regular e-mail info on how to grow them.

Cornell Elementary

SOCCER CLUB SIGN-UPS: Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club sign-ups for ages 5-18 for the fall 2006 season take place in the Cornell multipurpose room Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a copy of the player's birth certificate or passport. For information, see www.abscsoccercornell.com.

PTA CAR WASH: The PTA car wash is an opportunity for families to volunteer as a unit and help the PTA raise money for school activities. The date is Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help wash cars, distribute signs and fliers, make sandwich boards for Solano and Marin, and provide snacks for the hard workers. Interested? Have ideas about how to add to this event? Call or e-mail Ed Allen at 510-527-7333 or ed-brienbrenner@baymca.org.

SILLY OLYMPICS FESTIVAL: The Silly Olympics Festival is an all-day volunteer event, featuring fun activities and games for the kids, a food sale and a silent auction. This year's event may include a cake walk, crawling through a maze made of cardboard boxes, water balloon relays, and more. The date is June 3, and parent volunteers are needed. Your room parent will be contacting you soon.

PTA THANKS: If you are aware of a hardworking PTA volunteer who should be thanked and recognized for his or her work this school year and may have been inadvertently overlooked, please leave a note in the volunteer coordination file in the PTA file box in Cornell's office or e-mail patjlow@earthlink.net.

SITE COUNCIL: You're invited to nominate yourself or another Cornell parent to serve a one- or two-year term on the Cornell School Site Council. The council comprises five parents and five staff, and there are a few parent vacancies. Each year the council reviews and approves the School Improvement Plan and monitors the use of more than \$100,000 in state and federal funds, which are spent on classroom aides and other services and materials. Call 510-558-3700 or write a note to the school

and leave your name and nomination. An election will be held via newsletter ballot.

Marin Elementary

PUBERTY EDUCATION: Fifth-grade students will be receiving puberty education instruction between May 30 and June 2. An information night for parents interested in learning about fifth grade puberty education classes is scheduled for May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Ocean View School Library. The presenter is Ivy Chen, who will be the instructor for the week-long class. Please note that if you do not want your child to receive this instruction you need to notify Ms. Rothschild in writing. For more information, see the letter the students will bring home.

BOOK DONATIONS: Congratulations to Marin students whose thoughtful contributions made a big difference to students in Afghanistan and Colorado School in Richmond. All the books students donated to Coronado School were passed out to Coronado Night or given to students by their teachers. They were delighted and sent many thank-you notes written by hand and children. Marin students raised \$1,375 in change for children in Afghanistan, giving them more opportunities to attend school and learn.

Ocean View Elementary

PIANO NEEDED: Ocean View needs a piano for its music program. If you have a working piano that you would like to donate to the school, please contact Sue Crum at susancrum@comcast.net. Moving expenses will be paid for by Albany Music Fund.

OPEN HOUSE: On Thursday, May 25, Ocean View, Cornell and Marin schools will hold their annual open house from 7-8 p.m. The Science Investigations Fair will be held in the multipurpose room. Ms. Wong and Ms. Covay, the science specialists, are working with fourth- and fifth-graders to prepare for this event. Students in other grades are welcome to participate in this project; Science Fair participation for grades K-3 is optional. Science packets with directions are available from science specialists and in the school office.

— Bob Menzimer

E-mail school notes items to Bob Menzimer at megabob@pacbell.net.

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Cody's to close the book on flagship store in Berkeley

Independent bookseller
Cody's to financial pressure
sales fall and area said to
in decline

By Cassandra Braun
and Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITERS

In a twist that no one would
have expected, Goliath could yet tri-
umph over David in the tale of
independent bookselling.

Cody's, one of the Bay Area's
premier independent book-
stores, will be closing its land-
mark store on Telegraph Avenue,
owner Andy Ross announced
Tuesday.

The independent bookseller
known as a stalwart witness to
the anti-war and free speech
movements has succumbed to
the forces of the new global mar-
ketplace.

Steadily declining sales in the
15 years have forced Ross to
leave the store's Telegraph Ave-
nue location near UC Berkeley
after more than four decades,
he explained.

Cody's on Telegraph will sell
its last book July 10.
"It was inevitable," Ross said
in an interview Wednesday. "Our
sales on Telegraph have declined
two-thirds since 1990. Part of
that was competition from the Inter-
net. Especially academic books,
which have been a mainstay for
us on Telegraph, so near the uni-
versity."

It's been heartbreaking for



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

CODY'S BOOKS on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley will close July 10 because of declining sales, owner Andy Ross said Tuesday. The iconic independent bookstore was celebrating its 50th year on Telegraph this year.

me to have to return Kant's 'Cri-
tique of Pure Reason' because
nobody has bought it for a year."

Of the three Cody's locations,
including Fourth Street in west
Berkeley and Stockton Street in
San Francisco, the Telegraph flag-
ship has steadily lost more than
\$1 million, according to Ross.

The news comes a week after
another longtime independent
bookseller, A Clean Well Lighted
Place for Books in San Francisco,

announced it is selling.

For years, independent book-
sellers, including Ross, have
charged that competition from
Internet book clearingshouses like
Amazon and discounted chain
stores have threatened indepen-
dent booksellers. Cody's is not
immune, Ross said.

He also complained that de-
clining conditions on the famous
Berkeley strip, including throngs
of homeless youths camped on

the sidewalks and the city's lack
of investment in capital im-
provements on the street, con-
tributed to the book store's dip
in sales.

News of the closure comes
ironically as the Telegraph store
celebrates its 50th year. Opened
in 1956 by Pat and Fred Cody,
the Cody's store quickly made its
reputation as the site where po-
litics and literature converged.
The legendary store witnessed

the riots at People's Park in 1969,
and in 1989 became a victim of
violence when someone threw a
pipe bomb through the front win-
dow when the store refused to
remove from its shelves Salman
Rushdie's book, "The Satanic
Verses," unlike other sellers na-
tionwide.

The store was also known for
having hosted book readings
from a broad swath of figures
from the literary world, from
Kurt Vonnegut to former Presi-
dent Bill Clinton and local author
Michael Chabon.

Pat Cody said she grieved
when Ross told her of the im-
pending closure, but she was not
particularly surprised. Still living
within walking distance of Tele-
graph, the store's 83-year-old ma-
triarch stops by every week and
stays in close contact with Ross,
who took over Cody's in 1977.

"I feel very sad, but I can un-
derstand. It's a lifelong struggle
to keep an independent bookstore
going. You never go in expecting
to make money," Cody said.

Telegraph Avenue, not to
mention bookselling in general,
has changed dramatically from
when she and her husband
opened Cody's, she said.

"I think Andy deserves a great
deal of praise for hanging on as
long as he did. Keeping it going
with the onslaught of Amazon
and chains. It's almost like
putting a finger in the dike."

Customers, booksellers and
others in the literary world were
nonplused Tuesday night at news
of the store's closure.

"People will continue to buy
books either online or at other
stores, but oh, God, what a loss,"
said Larry Ruth, a devoted
Cody's customer of more than 30
years. "I remember Fred Cody
very well and his wife, Pat, too.
There were always lots of great
books, lot of great people and
lots of great literary events."

Kathleen Caldwell, owner of
A Great Good Place for Books in
Montclair, was a regular at
Cody's since the '70s. The leg-
endary store, along with neigh-
boring Moes and Shakespeare &
Co., inspired her to become a
bookseller.

"I can't believe it. It's a real in-
dication that the climate of in-
dependent bookselling is really
changing in the Bay Area. The
fact that something we consid-
ered a mainstay will no longer
be there — to me it's saying
good-bye to a friend. It's like a
death," she said.

Ross was optimistic about the
future of Cody's other Berkeley
store.

"Cody's isn't a piece of real
estate; it's an idea," he said. "It's
the spirit of the '60s. And hope-
fully we can make that idea work
on 4th Street."

But for Ruth, there's no re-
placing the Telegraph store.

"I'll go over to Fourth Street
if they make me. But it won't be
the same. This is the real
Cody's."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-
262-2768 or
msnapp@cctimes.com.

Calendar

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Exhibits

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center — 3105
Clayton Ave. Through May 28, cafe
work of father and daughter duo
Thiele & Rhea Thiele-Seiden-
May 12, 5:30-7 p.m., artists' re-
ception — Through May 28, theater,
"Act of Protest," photographs by
D.B.Bois, Victor Vuyas, Greg Jal-
May 7, reception. Details:
Jalung or 510-849-2569.

Circle, Mandala — Through
May 12, Alta Bates Summit Medical
Community Art Gallery, 2450
Telegraph Ave. Paintings in the round by
Lindsey & Susan St. Thomas,

pine needle & clay vessels by Melissa
Woodburn. Details: 510-204-1667.

"Healing Waters" — May 14-July 5,
Alta Bates Summit Medical Center
Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby
Ave., Berkeley. River paintings by Judi
Miller, ocean series glass sculpture by
Carol Holmes, "Katrina's Children" art
and poetry from River of Words. May
21, 4-6 p.m., reception. Details: 510-
204-1667.

Judah L. Magnes Museum —
Through May 14, "Houses and Hous-
ings: Portability in Jewish Faith and Cul-
ture." 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. De-
tails: magnes.org or 510-549-6950.

"Wild Things" exhibit — Through
May 14, Tuesdays-Sundays 10 a.m.-5
p.m., Tilden Nature Center, end of Cen-
tral Park Drive, Tilden Park, Berkeley.

See Rita Sklar's watercolor paintings of
African animals & American, European,
African birds. Details: rtasklar.com.

UC Berkeley Art Museum — May
14-July 16, "Now-Time Venezuela Part
2." — Through May 21, "The Flaming
Sword of Truth," "Dreaming California."
— May 24-Oct. 22, "Centers of Artistry:
Indian Paintings." — Through May 28,
"Now-Time Venezuela, Part 1." —
Through Dec. 3, "Bancroft Library Cen-
tennial Exhibition." — Through June 24,
2007, "A Measure of Time." "Selections
from the Collection." 2625 Durant Ave.
#2250, Berkeley. Details: bampl.berke-
ley.edu or 510-642-0808.

**"The Sculpture of Stephen De
Staeble"** — Through May 15, Flora
Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge
Road, Berkeley. Details: 510-649-2541

or cwouffe@gtu.edu.

"Berkeley Treasures Series 1:"
Karl Kasten, Ariel, Lewis Suzuki,"
through May 20, Berkeley Art Center,
1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Gallery
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CSI: Crime Scene Insects —
Through May 29, Lawrence Hall of
Science, One Centennial Drive, Berke-
ley. Exhibit explores forensic entomol-
ogy through field & lab equipment,
model crime scenes, live insects, in-
teractive displays. 11 a.m., 1 p.m.,
2:30 p.m., tours by M. Lee Goff, Ph.D.
Details: 510-642-5132 or lawrence-
hallofscience.org.

Schurman-Scriptum Gallery —
Through May 31, 1659 San Pablo Ave.,
Berkeley. "Kawase Hasui & His Era:

Masters of the Japanese Woodblock
Print." Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 12-
6 p.m., Sunday 12-5 p.m. Free. Details:
Elise 510-526-1236 or
elisescriptum@yahoo.com.

Badé Museum — Tuesdays & Thurs-
days 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Holbrook Building,
Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic
Ave., Berkeley. Through June 29, "Be-
hold: Nude Photographic Work by Dana
Davis." Details: Dawn 510-849-8239. —
Through January 2007, "Making Cakes
for the Queen of Heaven: Family Reli-
gion in Ancient Israel." Details: 510-849-
8201.

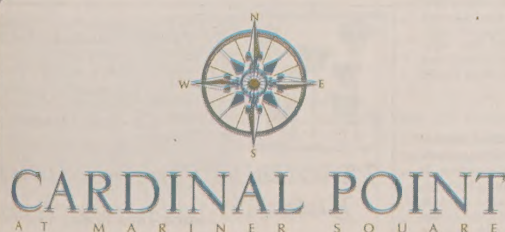
"Eclectix" Gallery — Through July
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Mitchell, Karla Bruk, William Dunton, Su-

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Addison Street Windows Gallery —
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Stremka, Laura Van Duren, Seth
Wachtel. Details: 510-981-7546.

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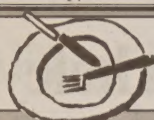
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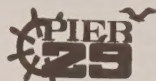
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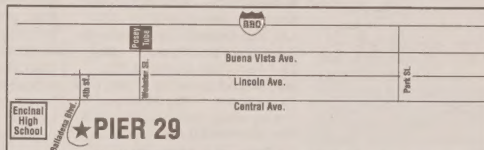
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Support

■ **Widows/Widowers Grief Recovery** — Class & Support Group, Tuesdays through May 16, 7-9 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse within last couple years? Find hope, support & successful ways to process this significant life event. Workbook: \$5. Pre-enrollment: 510-848-6252 x241.

■ **Burn Support Group** — Meets 2nd Tuesdays monthly, 7-8:30 p.m.; starting June 13 in new location, South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley. Alisa Ann Rich Burn Foundation's support group for burn survivors and their families. Details: 415-495-7223.

Film/dance/stage

■ **Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center** — May 12, 9:30 p.m., KTO Project, \$11-\$13. — May 13, 9 p.m. African dance lesson, 9:30 p.m. West African Highlife Band. — May 16, 8 p.m. Cajun dance lesson, 8:30 p.m. Gerard Landry & the Lariats. \$9. — May 17, 7:30 p.m. West Coast Swing dance lesson, 8:30 p.m. Bernard Anderson & the Old School Band. \$9. — May 18, 8 p.m. Albany High School Jazz & Rhythm Band R&B Bands. \$10. — May 19, 7:30 p.m. fox trot lesson, 8:30 p.m. Don Neely's Royal Society Five. \$16. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-525-5054.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — May 12-13, 8 p.m., "Mastering Sex & Torillas" solo comedy. \$15-\$20. — May 17, 7 p.m., "Caribe" screening. \$5-\$6. — May 17, 7:30 p.m., "Cafe Poetry & Open Mic." — May 18, 8 p.m., Kristina Wong's Free? \$8-\$10. — May 19, 8 p.m., Jacqueline Castro Ravelo, Rafael Manriquez. \$10-\$12. — May 20, 7 p.m., "Slide Kings & Live Lyle." 9:30 p.m., Dream, El Ele, Company of Prophets, Panama. \$10-\$15. — May 21, 3:30 p.m., Domingo de Rumba. — May 21, 7:30 p.m., Creative Aging Benefit Concert. \$12. — May 24, 7 p.m., Kaveman Experience. \$10. — May 25, FUSION Fund-raiser. \$10-\$15. — May 26, 8:30 p.m., Bolokanda Conde & Les Percussion Malinke. \$15-\$20. — June 3-4, Superfest international disability film festival. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: lapena.org or 510-849-2568.

■ **"The Miser"** — May 12-June 25, Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Tuesdays, Thursdays-Saturdays 8 p.m.; Wednesdays & Sundays 7 p.m.; Thursdays & Sundays 2 p.m. New production of Molière's comedy. Tickets: \$30-\$59. Tickets: 510-647-2949, 888-4-BRTTx. Details: berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — "Small Tragedy," through May 14; Wednesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.; 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$29-\$45; 510-843-4822 or aurora-theatre.org.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "Animal Crackers," through May 20, 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays; 2 p.m. May 14; 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. New version of 1928 Marx Brothers hit. Tickets: \$20. Details: ccc.org or 510-524-9132.

■ **Film and Interactive Discussion Series** — 7-10 p.m., Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. May 17: "Capote." May 31: "Pride and Prejudice." June 7 & 21: TBA. \$4-\$5. Details: brjcc.org, 510-848-0237 x132.

■ **Subterranean Shakespeare** — "Richard III," through May 20, Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m. (no show May 11); Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. William Shakespeare's play deals with themes of political corruption & dissimulation. Tickets: \$12-\$17. Reservations: 510-276-3871.

■ **An Evening of Playback Theatre** — May 20, 8 p.m., Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Personal stories shared by audience members then instantly transformed by the ensemble into improvised theatre pieces. Admission: \$12-\$18. Reservations: 510-595-5500 x25, livingartscenter.org.

■ **Page to Stage: Free Talkback with Rita Moreno** — May 22, 7 p.m., Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Local theatre lovers in conversation with Rita Moreno. Free. Details: 510-647-2949, berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Impact Theatre** — "Money & Run Episode 4: Go Straight, No Chaser," through May 27, Thursdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$10-\$15; 510-464-4468. Details: impactthe-

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■ **Stephanie Weisman's "Aphrodisia"** — May 31 (previews); June 1, 3, 4, 7, 10; Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m.; The Marsh Berkeley, Gaia Arts Center, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. Play is study on embracing intimate & sometimes painful love & life. Tickets: May 10-11: \$10-\$20 sliding scale; \$25 reserved seating; other dates: \$20-\$35 sliding scale; \$50 reserved seating. Tickets: 800-838-3006, themarsh.org.

■ **Lost Tales: Glimpses from 1000 Ramayanas** — June 10, 4 p.m., Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. NATYA presents collaboration of Indian classical dance traditions of Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, set to eclectic musical backdrop of Carnatic, jazz, world rhythms, punctuated by spoken word poetry. Tickets: \$12-\$18. Details: natya.info, 510-338-4538, reservations@natya.info.

■ **"The Glass Menagerie"** — Through June 18; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 8 p.m.; Wednesdays & Sundays 7 p.m.; Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays 2 p.m.; Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Features Rita Moreno in Tennessee Williams' classic play. Tickets: \$30-\$59; 510-647-2949, 888-4-BRTTx or berkeleyrep.org.

Learning

■ **Berkeley Adult School** — Career Fair, May 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1702 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Features companies from parcel service, banking, transportation, government, healthcare, hospitality, retail, security, more. Free. Details: 510-644-8968.

■ **RabbitEARS** — 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. May 13, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Non-Anesthetic Teeth Cleaning for Pets \$35, nail trim \$12, more. — May 21, 2-4 p.m., Meet the Guinea Pigs, learn all about guinea pigs as pets, meet adoptable pets. — May 28, 2-4 p.m., The Joy of Rats, meet adoptable rats & learn about feeding, habitat, grooming, healthcare. \$15 donation. Details: 510-525-6155, bxpets@yahoo.com.

■ **Vista Community College** — Workshops: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Room 303, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. May 14, "Employment Preparation for the Travel Industry." 510-981-2913, 510-981-2800 or peralta.edu.

■ **Argentine Tango Beginner Series** — May 15, 17, 22; 7:30-9 p.m. in the Fitness Center, Claremont Hotel, 41 Tunnel Rd., Berkeley. Instructors: Andres, Meredith, David, Stella. Drop-in: \$15/class; series of 6: \$65-\$75. Details: Stella 510-655-3585, e-mail: smling@msn.com, stellatango.com. Club members contact Katy 510-549-8512, kathy.yong@tiro.com.

■ **Light, Crystal and Color Brainwave Technology** — New pathways to Health, May 18, 7-9 p.m., Teleiosis Institute, 1521B Fifth St., Berkeley. Demonstration of light & color trance meditation with The Light Labyrinth, an advanced technology of light forms & brainwave frequencies projected into fractals & veils of large quartz crystals. Find out how liminal light and crystal meditation is transforming people's lives, from therapists to artists, from musicians to meditators, business people to mystics. Cost: \$5-\$10. RSVP/details: 510-558-7285, info@teleiosis.org, teleiosis.org.

Rhea

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Q: Campus safety appeared to be a high priority at all West Contra Costa school district high schools this year. How has El Cerrito High School addressed it?

A: We wanted to address the issue of students who are involved in physical altercations. I thought that was critical. When you look at recent statistics, we were able to reduce the number by about 52 percent. The number of physical altercations has been reduced by half. That's very significant.

I think many students started seeing that if they were involved in an assault like this, they would face possible expulsion from school. Two, they could and probably would be arrested. And I think thirdly, we tried to step up our conflict-mediation program, so students who were continuing to have conflicts, whether they're verbal conflicts in classrooms around campus, they were required to work out with some of our counseling staff, and that's the community project which we have here on campus.

Q: The portable campus that now comprises El Cerrito High School seems to have increased awareness of possible danger.

A: This is a very compact and dense environment we're on, and you can see that with portable structures. There's not as much open space. When you take away open space from high school students, you're going to be presented with certain challenges. And the challenge we're presented with is that there are too many students congregating in one specific area, which we call the quad area. And I was really very concerned about that.

So I stressed that to the staff. We have to find ways where we can disperse students, and there's not a lot of ways to really do that. Some of them decide to go out to the football field area. Some of them started going to the back area to participate in hockey or lacrosse or do things like that but there wasn't a lot of space.

We don't have any basketball courts; we don't have a gymnasium. We don't have a cafeteria, so absent of all this — it really boiled down to my staff. I said, you guys are going to have to be creative. Some of them started sponsoring music clubs. Some of them started working on computers, poetry, open discussion. Lunch-time music. Just come in and be with friends.

Q: How much longer before the school moves from the portable trailers into a rebuilt high school?

BIOGRAPHY

■ NAME: Vince Rhea

■ AGE: 45

■ TITLE: El Cerrito High School principal

■ EDUCATION: Master's degree in educational leadership and administration, Cal State Hayward (now Cal State East Bay), 2002; professional administrative services credential, Cal State Hayward 2000; bachelor's in English, University of Santa Clara, 1983.

■ RESIDENCE: Pinole

■ CAREER: Principal at Juan Crespi Middle School in El Sobrante, 2000-2002; El Cerrito High School dean of students, 1996 to 1998; taught in the New Haven Unified School District in Union City, 1983-1993.

A: We anticipate two more school years. The problem first of all was just a period of adjustment. Any time you come into something new like this, there's certain issues, facility issues that have to be worked out. It was very new to us. I don't think any of us could truly anticipate what student traffic patterns would look like — how teachers would be able to respond to a portable situation. We've been able to do that now. And we've been able to work a lot of things out. So now there's an amount of predictability, which is nice.

Q: El Cerrito High School fell under a state intervention team because test scores dropped over two years. How has that affected the school?

A: We've really totally revamped the way we deliver instruction now. By providing those classes, intervention classes, we've had to eliminate certain electives. We've reduced the number of science classes. In a typical schedule, a ninth-grader used to come in and start taking biology; now they don't. If they need additional assistance in English or math, they're taking another English or math class. Because they have that, they don't need as many science classes.

This year, (Academic Performance Index) scores have risen close to 50 points. Over a three-year period, we've gone from below 600 to the mid-650s. We've seen a rise. We had one year where we had a dip, and that's what put us into intervention.

Q: There are rumors that the school district is looking at reassigning you to another school.

A: There's speculation, I've heard comments. At this point, in looking at the scope of what we've accomplished this last year, there's been many successes and many challenges. I

would like to continue building upon what I think can really become an outstanding transitional campus. I think it can only get better now.

Q: There's a sense that El Cerrito High School attracts students from Richmond while many El Cerrito parents send their children to private schools.

A: In order to maintain all the programs, the quality of instruction we're able to offer here at El Cerrito High School, we have to maintain a certain number of students. And in order to make that up, they do that by adjusting the boundary lines, and those boundary lines happen to fall into the North Richmond area. They can take advantage of public education. They may not have the resources or finances to send their kids to private schools, to send them to St. Mary's or Salesian.

I don't think anyone's ever done a study — even if we said our Kensington and El Cerrito students, let's say they're not going to any private schools — whether or not those numbers would make it up, so we just have primarily a high school in El Cerrito and Kensington. My feeling is it's not. Even with those students, it's not enough. I could be way off base.

I think it's an issue people are always going to want to bring up. It's an issue, and my belief at this point is: Every kid, despite where they live, deserves the best education possible. I'm not going to sit around and quibble about how many kids we take in from North Richmond, take in from maybe Kensington. The bottom line is you respect one another. Whether you live up in Kensington, whether you come from San Pablo, down in

what we call the hills, guys learn to respect each other. ...

One thing I always is this: A student who is grounded in working-class population. One of my students came and said, "You know, I really wasn't exposed to a diverse melting pot."

Q: Six students accepted into the San Francisco State University program. They will attend at Dartmouth College League school in New Hampshire, for the next two years. How did the school get involved with that?

A: (El Cerrito High School parent) Madeline K... and I had to fill out a tentative application for a mouth program. And

ing that, they were application, they were in us. It required that of information school, about why, and why we thought we were an excellent candidate. We were interested and to come for a visitation narrowed us down to that.

I believe there were 10 to 15 other western schools they were selected by, so honored by it.

It's a great opportunity kids to begin honoring. It's going to bring a mentor who's going to work with a group, really create that vision of a school-going culture that's really important — to get kids interested in college, get them interested.

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graffiti

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...where blue letters and numbers were painted over red and included the numbers and the California penal code number.

...a BART police officer assigned to an anti-graffiti unit decipher the coded messages almost instantly. ...the skill level there, ...to what we saw on Lopez said. "It can't come. This is gang stuff here."

...the most part, the letters and numbers of the more graffiti art correspond to the tags chosen by the artists.

...they earn respect among peers for their skill level, ...they'll sometimes deface a tag with their own.

...Lopez estimated five tagging crews were working for space. One tagging crew's initials are BG, ...Lopez miffed that his work was being covered by another.

...defaced tagger came and wrote "Don't Jock the ..."

...I write over my stuff," ...explained.

...conventional wisdom is that graffiti begets more graffiti, and ...the stage for increased graffiti and vandalism.

...why cities have been fighting down.

...Lopez will remove graffiti within 24 hours after receiving notice on a hotline. Last year, the city responded to 2,074 graffiti incidents.

...the city spends \$230,000 a year on salaries for two employees and equipment dedicated to graffiti removal, ...manager Mark Deven said.

...the city, he said, has made graffiti removal a priority for 10 years.

...the best way to control graffiti is to get rid of it right away, Deven said. "Studies all over the place have shown ..."

...the city stepped up its anti-graffiti efforts following the killing of two men at Fernandez Park last July. Police believe the homicides were committed by a member of a street gang. The city subsequently increased its graffiti removal from two to three times a week, and mailed magnets to residents with a number to call for graffiti removal.

...The city has used the same graffiti-removal contractor since 1996.

...Most of the graffiti done in this area is gang-related," City Councilman David Cole said. "If you get rid of it as soon as possible, it helps the area get better."

...That's what El Cerrito is hoping for. The city is focusing on graffiti-removal as part of a larger effort to enforce city codes for vandalism, building permits and more.

...The graffiti removal is intended to reduce blight and enhance the city's business climate, Community Development Director Mitch Oshinsky said.

...The city has been working with property owners to remove graffiti from their buildings, Oshinsky said. Property owners are responsible for the removal.

...In a few weeks, the city is expecting to hire a contractor that will remove the graffiti after it's reported.

...Albany is also planning to hire a contractor within the next few months, Public Works Director Rich Cunningham said.

...BART has its police division to investigate and arrest suspected taggers. Lopez networks with "confidential" informants and other police agencies. Taggers who cause more than \$400 in damage, he said, can be convicted of a felony.

...Mansel said that while the city has bigger crimes to address, he wished El Cerrito did more to try to prevent tagging in the first place.

...But they do a very good job of cleaning it up," he said. "I can't complain too much."

...Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or e-mail alopez1@cctimes.com.

...container outside a library window.

...It's a wonder the school didn't burn down," she said. "Some of the rooms still smell like smoke."

...Students went without a library for nearly a year. Today, a schedule shows the library being used by various classrooms almost daily.

...In recognition of Latino history month, books about famous Latinos, such as Gloria Estefan and Cesar Chavez, sit on a shelf next to a bust of Dr. Martin Luther King.

...The library will see even more donated books come out of boxes and bags and placed on shelves as soon as they're catalogued.

...People don't realize it's a huge job," Thompson said. "We're going to keep working at it. And hopefully, eventually the library will be totally restored."

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Palmini

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Hastings," said Public Affairs Director Lorri Ungaretti. "We are aware of Chief Palmini's innovative approach to law enforcement." At Hastings, "he will have the opportunity to use his creativity and high energy."

It's a graduation of sorts for Palmini, who is more used to high school and middle school. He and Albany Police Sgt. Art Clemons, now retired, created the traveling act "Elvis and the Lawman." Palmini, dressed in a white or black polyester rhinestone suit reminiscent of Elvis Presley's Las Vegas days, sang songs like "Buckle Up!"

"Don't Be Another D.U.I.," "Designated Driver Blues" and "One-Way Ride" while Clemons played guitar and students dressed as crash dummies danced on stage.

Then-Police chief Larry Murdo sometimes joined the duo on bass. Then-state Attorney General, now Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Gold River, an Elvis Presley fan, recorded a traffic song with the group. Elvis & The Lawman recorded several CDs over the years, including "Abróchate (El Cinturón)" — "Buckle Up" in Spanish.

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BOOK SIGNING

■ WHAT: "Murder on the Rails"

■ WHEN: 1-3 p.m. Saturday

■ WHERE: Berkshire Books, 3480 Clayton Road, Concord

The Elvis act, which was financed by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, began as a pilot program in Albany. It eventually went regional, statewide and later national, and even on to Canada. It caught the fancy of some European magazines and documentary filmmakers, and once made Palmini Albany's highest-paid city employee, which caused some grumbling in and out of the police department.

"You can't please everybody," he said this week. "What erased the bumps was there never was one kid I came across who didn't enjoy and embrace the program."

After he retired from Albany in 2003, Palmini and his collaborator, Tanya Chalupa, a freelance writer and publicist, wrote the book "Murder on the Rails" about a series of murders along rail lines. Palmini blames

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them on a violent gang of freight train hoppers who collect public assistance under different names in cities along railroad lines, where they also run drugs and commit violent crimes before quickly leaving town. Many railroad officials characterize the gang as an urban myth.

The book grew out of Palmini's investigation of the 1995 murder of J.C. McLean in a homeless encampment next to the Union Pacific tracks in Albany not far from where a Target store stands now. Some of the book focuses on Robert Silveria and the peculiar relationship he and Palmini developed, in part over what Palmini characterized as a shared affini-

ty for the Bible and Elvis Presley.

The two met at the Placer County jail in Auburn, where Silveria was taken after police arrested him in a Roseville railway for trespassing. Silveria, who recognized Palmini as "that Elvis cop," proceeded to confess to Palmini a long string of murders, including those of McLean and another man in Emeryville, he writes in the book.

The last time Palmini heard, Silveria was in Oregon State Prison serving a double life sentence. He was also convicted of murders in Florida and Kansas, Palmini said.

Palmini will sign his book in Concord on Saturday.

He and Chalupa are almost finished with a second book, tentatively titled "West Coast Connection," which Palmini describes as "a nonfiction, organized crime, Mafia story."

He still appears occasionally as Elvis, including last year's state fair in Sacramento and at a Pinole-Hercules police and fire awards dinner in January.

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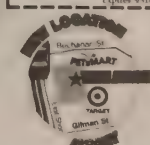


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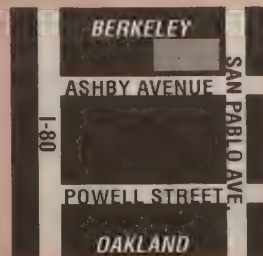
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Jumping the gun: buying before selling can be problematic

When options are open, buyers who want to take the risk

INMAN NEWS
In this scenario, you depend on your current home has its usefulness. You contact an estate agent who tells you your home should sell for \$1 million in the current market. You're thinking of trading in for a smaller home at a cost of \$700,000. Calculated selling costs and gains apply to the

and with this option and approval from your mortgage broker, shopping for your new home. You're well qualified and want to be left homeless. A perfect replacement home in the market. You waste no time putting your home on the property under contract. You put your home on the market, confident of a quick sale. Unfortunately, after months of waiting, your home hasn't sold. Agent's advice, you lower the price. This increases the showing. Finally, an offer is presented for much less than you were expecting. Reluctantly,

you negotiate a sale with this buyer in order to be done with the ordeal. To close the sale, you need to dip in to savings. Situations like this are becoming more common. In fact, some buyers who would have gladly bought before selling in last year's strong seller's market are now rethinking their strategy.

There are several other strategies for making a trade from one home to another that are less risky

gent upon finding a replacement home can work in a market that is very low on inventory. However, this approach usually guarantees a lower selling price. Most serious buyers want to buy a home that's definitely for sale, with no strings attached.

HOME SELLER TIP: The best way to maximize the sale price of your home is to sell first without a contingency for finding a replacement home. A huge benefit of this strategy is that you know for sure how much money you have to work with before you commit to buying the next property.

Most sellers would prefer to move from their current home to the next one without making an interim move. One way to accomplish this is to negotiate a rent back. A rent back agreement allows the sellers to rent their home back from the

than buying before selling. Whether or not they will be viable for your situation will depend in part of your local market conditions.

The ideal is to buy contingent on selling your home. However, contingent sale offers still are not popular in some markets. If the inventory of homes for sale is low and there are eager buyers who are qualified to buy without first selling, you'll have a hard time competing.

Cash in hand, not tied up in a house that has not yet sold, can be a powerful bargaining chip in a low inventory market.

Selling your home first contin-



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House Hunting

Real Estate Spotlight:

New Oakland hills home



ON A QUIET COURT in the Oakland hills is a new home at 2807 Steinmetz Way, Oakland. The owner, in partnership with noted designer Scott Silvera of SCOUT, created a wonderful six-plus-bedroom, three and one-half-bath home of gracious interiors and inviting outdoor spaces. The large slate entry creates an indoor-outdoor feel extending from the terrace into the foyer. Bamboo flooring elsewhere is durable. The formal living with fireplace and dining room invite lingering and conversations. There is an office/guest room and a great room that keeps the kitchen at the center of activity. Vaulted ceiling and large windows flood the room with light and views and there's a desk area. Four bedrooms are on the second level. The large master bedroom with an en-suite bath is luxurious. Large windows take advantage of the "privacy garden" of topiaries and Japanese maples. Jetted soaking tub, double shower of glass, dual vanities, and water closet. An entire floor of the home was developed for entertaining or guests. This level of the home includes a suite of three rooms, including a media room plus a fully appointed bath. Unlike most houses in the hills, this entertaining level opens up to a level lawn and yard that backs to open space.

Price: \$1,350,000.

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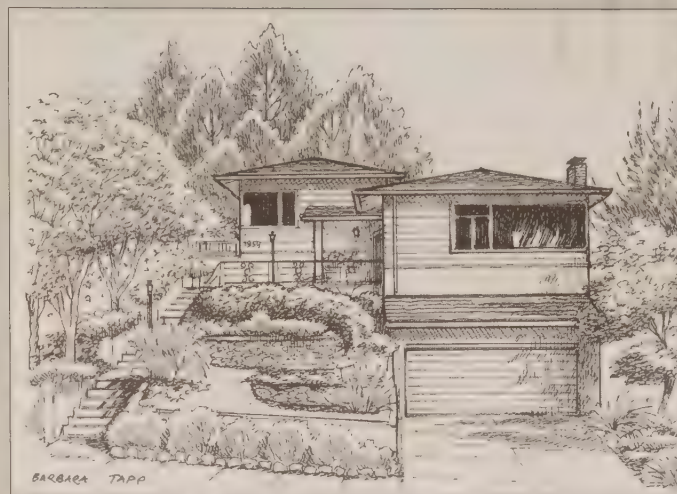
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Real Estate Focus:

Stunning home in Oakland's Montclair district



THE THREE-BEDROOM, TWO-BATH HOME at 1959 Cortereal Ave. in Oakland's Montclair district is situated on a quiet cul-de-sac, just steps through the tunnel pathway that leads to bustling Montclair Village. There are many upgrades and an impeccable design. Large picture windows create an abundance of light. The indoor-outdoor lifestyle is enhanced by French doors that lead from the kitchen to a fabulous patio and covered deck surrounded by a landscaped yard and garden. The home has a living room with a fireplace, an updated eat-in kitchen, a bonus room/office and a two-car garage with inside access.

Price: \$899,000.

Listing agent: Dick Cohen, Pacific Union, 510-338-1308.

Use your tax refund wisely

For millions of taxpayers who filed their income tax forms last month, another annual ritual has begun — spending that tax refund. But before you get caught up in the excitement of spending that check, you may want to consider some other options that could provide you with significant benefits down the road.

The tradeoff between instant gratification and long-term gain is a difficult balance to manage. But now, with a tax refund on the way, you are in a perfect position to make considerable progress in your personal savings. Following are a few ideas to help you spend your refund wisely.

Start a savings plan. First of all, if you do not already have a savings plan in place, the money from your tax refund could be the perfect starting point. Opening a savings account with that money is a good first step, but you will also want to put a plan in place to keep that account growing. Many financial institutions allow you to set up automatic savings plans, where funds are deposited into your account on a regular basis. You can even have those deposits taken directly from your paycheck, so you will not even miss the money. Your tax refund can provide a solid foundation on which you can build this savings plan.

Add to your investment portfolio. If you are already on the right track when it comes to savings, you can use your refund money to give your other investments a boost. Consider using your refund check to purchase additional shares of

stock, or bonds, or any other vehicle in which you are currently invested. Regardless of the type of investment you choose, your tax refund could add significantly to any regular investments you are already making.

Increase your 401(k) contribution. One of the most effective ways to save for retirement is through an employer-sponsored plan such as a 401(k). Hopefully, you are already taking advantage by participating in such a plan, which allows you to make regular contributions with pre-tax money straight from your paycheck. These programs have limits on how much you can save, but if you are not already maximizing it, you may want to consider increasing your contribution rate. For example, if you are currently putting away 3 percent, you could increase your contribution rate by a percentage point or two, and use your tax refund to cover other expenses you would normally pay for with that portion of your income.

Open an IRA. If you have already taken full advantage of an employer-sponsored program, or if you work for a company that does not offer one, your tax refund check could be the ideal source of funds to open an Individual Retirement Account. As with the savings strategy mentioned earlier, you will want to establish a regular pattern for adding to this account. But your tax refund will get you started off on the right foot.

While it may be difficult to resist the temptation to spend your tax refund money now, you can see that

there are other ways to make use of those funds. And even though there are many things you may want right now, the money you put away now could come in very handy down the road to help cover the cost of things you need.

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Although there are more surprises and scheduling conflicts, Don and his wife, Sonia, are beginning to enjoy the changes, starting with their new kitchen.

Feb. 5: We now have a beautiful kitchen. No more washing dishes in the bathroom sink and shower. Sonia did discover that the kitchen sink foot pedal needs adjusting, a minor problem in the scheme of things.

Feb. 6: Sam, the foreman, and his men handled odds and ends the past two days. They will not return until the replacement bathtub arrives. Meanwhile, we scheduled the painting of the kitchen, family room, bedrooms and master bath.

The hall bath will be painted after construction of that room is complete. Sonia, the poodles and I will then move out of the 400 sq. ft. room we've been living in since October and have that room painted. The exterior of the house will be done last, when weather permits.

Feb. 7: Dewey, a master plasterer, came today to patch sheet rock and skip-trowel various areas. He is a real craftsman; however, despite our pleas for him to cover up and not create a mess, he got plaster over everything: cabinets, doorknobs, handles and floor. We took this in stride. Wow, what growth on our part!

Feb. 12: Interior painting begins tomorrow. We know from long experience to use premium paints and a quality painter. Sonia and I have been doing a lot of thinking about colors, both warm and cold, for walls, ceilings and trim. We are also paying attention to tone, color linking one room to another and making it all interesting. Sonia went to the paint store and returned with nine quarts so we can try out the colors beforehand. Good thing.

Some colors, when painted on, matched the sample chips and our expectations; others did not. For example, the kitchen/family room color chip for Spanish cedar is a warm, glove-leather brown. On the wall, it is an ugly, rust color.

Then there is baked brick, the shade we chose for the ceiling to

go with Spanish cedar. It is supposed to be two shades lighter and the same tone.

After brushing it on, it looks very gray and cold, not at all a match. Sonia will go back to the paint store tomorrow and ask them to remix the Spanish cedar as we are sure they made a mistake.

Feb. 13: Sonia returned to the paint store. After checking in their computer, they acknowledged the formula for Spanish cedar was "a bit off." The manager remixed the color for us to try again. In addition, Sonia brought home another wall and a ceiling color for us to sample.

Feb. 14: Some good news today turned into a scheduling snafu. This morning, as the painters were busy priming the interior, Sam showed up unannounced with one of his men. He happily declared that our new tub arrived two weeks sooner than expected. They removed the old bathtub, replaced it with the new one, and began working on the hall bath, as well as other parts of the house.

Meanwhile, the painter was unhappy. He had asked me to promise that the contractor's men would not be here while he was painting, as they would slow him down and create dust and dirt. By the end of the day, it was clear that either the workmen or the painter would have to stop for a while.

After discussing it with the contractor, we agreed it made most sense to have his men come back after the painter was done. The complicating factor is that the floor refinishing people are scheduled to begin March 6. We had to book them six weeks in advance and do not want to slow down the schedule.

Hymer

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buyers for a period of time after closing.

There are drawbacks to a rent back. The seller typically covers the buyer's ownership cost during the rent back period, which is often more than it would cost to live in a rental.

Also, you can't rent back indefinitely, so you could end up in

an interim rental even if you

back for a while.

THE CLOSING: Although you can't rent back indefinitely, it might be the best of all worlds. A benefit of this approach is you don't have to rush to find a new place to live.

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Summer's almost here: Time to brighten up your back yard

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families made with the most durable materials and finishes to withstand the harsh effects of both time and weather.

From an English garden to a rustic lodge to a relaxed tropical setting, the Collections include everything you need to set the stage, including lamppost toppers, path lights, lighted bird baths, lighted obelisks and statues, and even a spin on the popular gazing ball.

4. Let accessories shine — in more ways than one.

Outdoor accessories regularly add beauty to your lawn and garden, but let the accessories really shine by selecting elements that highlight themselves or serve dual purposes.

Instead of opting for a traditional plant potter, try something like Kichler's Gate House lit urn. Complete with a water pump, this elegant urn adds beauty to



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DOOR SANCTUARIES have become the new rooms to live and entertain in.

ing product manager.

When you invest in beautiful outdoor spaces, you should incorporate your own personal taste, highlight the best features of your home and garden." To ensure the functionality of outdoor spaces, se-

lighting is among the most important outdoor décor items a homeowner can have. Fortunately, an innovative outdoor lighting options evolved to complement a variety of tastes, making outdoor lighting a walk in the park. Coordinate lighting throughout the yard for a cohesive look. Matching deck lights, path garden accessories and specialty landscape lighting helps create a cohesive look that enhances the enjoyment of outdoor living. Think about the style and you want to create outdoor lighting so that follow that theme. There is the first to offer outdoor lighting fix-

2. Create a focal point that highlights your outdoor motif.

Just as a chandelier creates focus in your foyer, build a centerpiece for your outdoor décor. Think about where you'll be spending the most time and which areas may need more light. If you'll be spending a lot of time on a covered outdoor patio, outdoor chandeliers create a beautiful focus by bringing functionality and building aesthetic appeal. Kichler offers a wide array of outdoor chandeliers with enclosed, waterproof glass shades, all U.L. listed for damp locations.

3. Install sconces approved for indoor and outdoor use.

Sconces have long added the perfect amount of glow to frame large rooms and doorways indoors. Why not apply the same concept outdoors?

Exteriors outdoor sconces, exclusively from Kichler, are U.L. listed for wet locations and come in a range of designs and sizes to enhance the appearance of decks, porches and entranceways.

With matching chandeliers, these outdoor-friendly pieces take exterior living to the next level.

the garden by illuminating live potted plants. If it's a touch of Zen you're looking for, add a little bit of glow to the traditional figure with Kichler's Zen Gardener figure, complete with a 12-volt lantern in hand.

5. Use outdoor lamps to add atmosphere and build ambience.

For an updated look with flexibility, outdoor portable lamps are the perfect option. Westwood Collections offers portable lamps with whimsical designs and nature-inspired themes. U.L. listed for wet locations, there's no need to bring them indoors when it pours.

6. Opt for easy-to-install, low-voltage lighting systems.

For the best results, install low-voltage lighting systems rather than solar lighting. Using just 12 volts of electricity, low-voltage lighting out-shines solar lighting because it "throws" the light better, so you notice the lighting effect, not just the light itself.

Also, solar lights fade, but low-voltage systems allow you to control when the lights will be on or off. Best of all, they're relatively easy to install.

For more ideas on outdoor lighting visit www.kichler.com.

When it's time to let go: Selling your beloved home

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Maybe you've landed a great job in another state, and you're thrilled. You're selling your house because you are eager for a new life elsewhere. This is good. Going towards something attractive makes leaving a lot easier.

Still, you may find it difficult to let go. You (and your family) have grown to love your house, garden, views, neighbors, car mechanic and grocery. It may be hard for you to leave. You will need some time to ready your heart.

It could be worse. Maybe you've lived in your house for 40 years or more, raised your family there, planted trees, stored in the basement family memorabilia from all those good years. Now you are selling, not because you want to, but because you can't climb the stairs any longer. You may not even know yet where you will next be living.

If this is true for you, you are facing a loss, a difficult and perhaps wrenching, experience. You will need time to sort through your belongings, to sit quietly and remi-

niscence, to come to a degree of peace with your separation from your life as it has been.

Most importantly, you will need whatever time it takes to find where you are going. Hopefully, you will come to look forward to a new home, a new chapter in your life.

No matter what your house is like, whether you are selling "as is" or not, by law disclosures must be made. Sellers are often worried about disclosing what is wrong with their houses but, generally, they shouldn't be. Buyers greatly appreciate knowing the facts about a house and they are far less likely to later complain (or sue) when they know the truth.

If there is something particularly scary about your house (it's sliding down a hill?), better to have a buyer who knows this up front, someone who understands what he's taking on. Yes, there will be people who will run away once they know what is wrong. They are not the right buyers, but the right buyer does exist. Believe this; it is true.

So it behooves you, legally and practically, to disclose in writing anything about your house that may give a buyer pause. This includes, but is not limited to, broken and nonfunctional parts of the house, leaning retaining walls, cracked and uneven surfaces and water coming in anywhere.

If you have a mind to, you can also include in your disclosures notes on maintenance and upgrades made during your ownership, also personal comments about your time in the house, what



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Maybe you've landed a great job in another state, and you're thrilled. You're selling your house because you are eager for a new life elsewhere. This is good. Still, you may find it difficult to let go.

you have enjoyed while living there. Buyers like knowing these things.

You will need, at a minimum, a termite report. It just isn't good to have your agent say, "No, we don't have a termite report yet." A report should be available when the house is first shown. No exceptions.

It is also frequently advisable to have a general physical inspection done before marketing.

This inspection is fairly expensive, and it will not substitute for the buyer's own inspections. But it can be a great assist to buyers (and

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Dunning

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the ceiling and/or wall colors? No. They matched the kitchen tile floor, granite and cabinets perfectly. Then it came to me. The paint was much too shiny.

The painter, Cesar, who we are very pleased with, recommended we continue the satin (shiny), kitchen finish into the family room for continuity. This was after I had suggested changing the finish from satin to flat in the family room and hall.

Sonia and I should not have acquiesced, but it was not easy to visualize and we trusted Cesar. One thing we know for sure, we cannot live with this glossy color in the family room and hall. Fortunately, the painters only did one coat. We are hoping using flat for the second coat will cover the satin.

We will tell Cesar on Monday and pay for the new paint. The decision makes us both feel better, but we are still a bit nervous until we see the change.

Don Dunning has been a full-time Realtor since 1979 and is past president of the Oakland Association of Realtors. He provides sales and hourly consulting services with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. Don can be reached at 510-485-7239.

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herefore, to sellers) to know as much as possible about the house before an offer is written.

Also helpful is supplying receipts for major work that the seller has done (earthquake retrofit, new roof, etc.) and, in some cases, bids for repairs that the buyer may want to make (fireplace and chimney, for example).

In some cities, ordinances require that certain work be done when a house is sold. In Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington, for instance, the sewer lateral to the house must be in good condition. Often replacement is required. Whether it is the seller or buyer who pays for the work, the cost should be determined before a house is put on the market.

And the house needs to be cleared of enough belongings that inspections can be made. If the termite (or other) inspector cannot get to the walls of the garage or basement, if he cannot access the attic, you will have an incomplete inspection. This is bad because it leaves open questions.

Perhaps you have a picture-perfect house, well maintained, well furnished, clean, with a pretty garden. Nothing needs to be done to get your house ready. That could be true but often, we find, houses that seem very "together" do still need things done for best presentation.

Often, for instance, there is too much in them. When 50 or 100 people walk through your house, as they do when it is held open, less is definitely more. To show your house to best advantage, it may be advisable to simplify, to remove furniture and collectibles. You want to allow potential buyers to move freely inside the house, and you want them to be able to see the house itself, not be distracted by too many possessions.

Also, you will probably want to have your windows washed, make sure porches are swept, and that your door locks work smoothly. By law, smoke detectors must be operable in certain places in the house and the hot water heater must be strapped to current code.

But maybe your house is in poor shape. You haven't had the wherewithal to keep up with maintenance. In fact, it's such a wreck, needing "everything" that you've decided to do "nothing."

It's not a good idea. No matter how bad the health and appear-

ance of a house, there is prep that should be done. It needs to be clean. Even if the plaster has fallen from the ceiling leaving holes to the sky, all surfaces should be clean. Windows, walls and floors, bathrooms and kitchen, the front walk, the basement — all must be clean.

The seller, the seller's agent and the house should be ready from the moment the house is first shown. Cleaning, painting, inspections, disclosures should all be completed. It is a big mistake to put a house on the market before all is in place.

The amount of time it will take to get ready psychologically, legally and presentation-wise varies considerably. For some sellers (sometimes out of necessity) everything is ready to go in a few weeks. Most sellers take several months, but we've worked with people who needed a year or even two years to get ready.

Time well taken does pay off.

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Can you purchase or refinance after bankruptcy

■ Next Thursday's seminar may hold some answers

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Bankruptcies are at an all time high and have more than doubled from two years ago. Many people believe it is not possible to buy a home or refinance after filing for bankruptcy. Unanswered questions prevent them from moving forward. Answering these questions could be the first step toward homeownership or repayment of debt.

The next step is education. Get the answers to your questions by attending the "Purchase Or Refinance After Bankruptcy" seminar. The class is scheduled 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 18, in San Leandro.

The seminar presenter is loan consultant Anzella Jones. After recently earning her law degree and with over six years experience in real estate and finance, Jones has earned the respect of her clients.

Jones will explain special offerings that will allow a borrower to refinance or purchase a home one day after the bankruptcy has been discharged. Learn how to pay bills and get out of Chapter 13. Additionally, Jones will offer ideas on how to improve credit and fill out an application.

Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Individual and private consultations are also available.

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Seminar focuses on first-time buyers

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Don't miss the Open Home Guide starting on B24.

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5670 Weaver Place, Oakland Hills

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Home inspection checklist — know your home inside and out

More than 43 million Americans are expected to buy, sell or relocate each year, and a professional home inspection is a major step on the path to purchasing that home.

The first thing you need to do is hire an experienced, licensed home inspector to carefully inspect the home you have selected. The following list of items that should be carefully checked out:

Appliances

Range cooktop
Oven
Refrigerator/freezer
Dishwasher
Compactor
Disposal
Washer/dryer

Kitchen

Cabinets
Drawers
Countertops
Floor
Electric outlets
Lighting

Bath(s)

Sink
Tub
Shower
Toilet(s)
Faucets
Floor
Tiled walls
Shower door
Medicine cabinet
Lighting
Ventilation
Window(s)

Walls and ceilings

Nail pops
Seams
Wallpaper
Water stains
Cracks
Settlement
Decay
Trim
Window locks
Interior doors

Floors

Hardwood
Carpet
Vinyl

Tile
Surface finish
Condition

Heating, ventilation, air conditioning

Central HVAC system
Age, condition
Adequacy
Operating efficiency
Thermostats
Individual room controls
Service history, vendor
Window air conditioners

Electrical systems

System adequacy
Outlets by room
Light switches
Door bells
Exhaust fan(s)
Exterior lighting
Intercom

Home exterior

Roof
Siding
Windows
Exterior shutters
Exterior doors
Steps, stairs
Railings
Porches
Deck(s)
Walks
Underground sprinkler

Lawn condition
Shrubs, trees
Drainage
Driveway
Garage door
Fireplace/chimney

Plumbing

Water heater
Water pressure
Well/city water source
Septic/sewer
Septic system service



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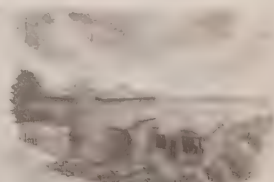


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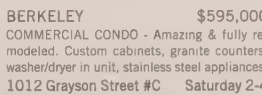
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529 66th Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$629,000
3/2 - Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, 2-car garage, landscaped yard, views
7554 Sunkist Drive Open 2-4



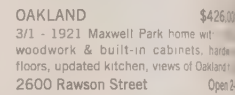
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OAKLAND \$743,800
3/1.5 - Crocker Highlands charmer! First time on the market in 40 years! Very well maintained. Home exemplifies pride of ownership!
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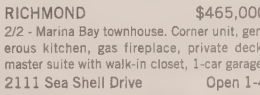
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594 55th Street Open 2-4



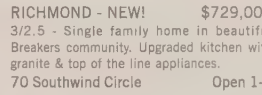
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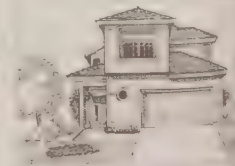
SAN PABLO - NEW! \$585,000
4/2 - Escape the competition! San Pablo Hills house on quiet cul-de-sac. Hardwood floors, plus room, fireplace, and views.
5907 Wyman Street Open 2-4



RICHMOND - NEW! \$425,000
2/2 - Contemporary townhouse in desirable area in move-in condition. Fireplace, formal dining room, private deck. Community pool & tennis.
2545 Groveview Drive Open 1:30-4:30



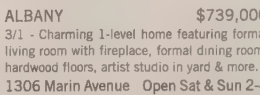
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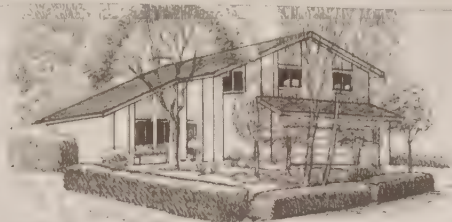
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This open, airy, renovated 1920's 2-bedroom condominium has all the original old world character as well as a wonderful, spacious chef's kitchen. There are hardwood floors, beautiful tile, original moldings, quality lighting fixtures and multi-pane windows throughout. The eat in kitchen features stainless steel appliances, hand painted Spanish floor tiles, granite counter tops and Shaker Birch cabinets. A large private deck overlooks the hills and UC's Campanile Tower. The walls of windows - with vistas, north, south and west - allow in an abundance of light including wonderful sunsets and a peak of the Bay. A garage is included.

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Architectural style

Choose an entry door that matches the architectural style of your home. Whether you have a stately Colonial residence, a Craftsman style bungalow, a rustic cabin, or a modern mansion, make sure your front door includes the appropriate architectural style and accessory features to complement its design.

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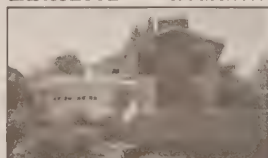
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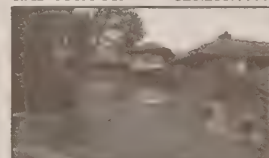
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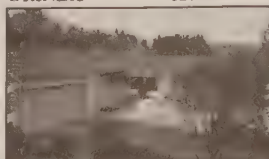
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1755 TRESTLE GLEN RD. \$1,100,000
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Move right in to this charming 20's classic! 3BR/2BA w/original details, deck & garden. 1BA + family room! Linda M



1023 GLENCOURT DRIVE \$800,000
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5550 GRIFFIN STREET \$790,000
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62 SERENO CIRCLE \$699,000
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3945 ALTAMONT AVENUE \$490,000
Charming 2BR/1BA w/great bonus space. Beautifully remodeled kitchen & bath. Separate cottage & sauna. Spacious garden. Jennifer Sicks

247 4TH STREET #206 \$410,000
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400 VERMONT AVE. \$1,295,000
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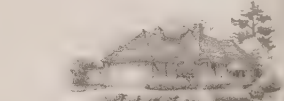
2583 BUENA VISTA WAY \$1,195,000
Dramatic & elegant W. Ratcliff Mediterranean! 3+BR/2BA includes master suite, library! Immaculate! Exquisite detailing! Landscaped gardens! Bay views! Susie Schevill



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1516 SPRUCE STREET \$895,000
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2312 BLAKE STREET \$570,000
Centrally located w/interesting architecture and wood detailing, this 2BR, two-story condo is a terrific opportunity. Close to UC campus and Shattuck & Telegraph. Diane V

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PIEDMONT. Elegant Miller-Warnecke 5BR Tudor w/beautifully landscaped grounds, gorgeous formal rooms, kitchen/family room. Mindy Scott

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PIEDMONT. This charming centrally located home has it all. Beautiful details, large formal rooms, den, & updated kitchen/family room. Mindy Scott

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OAKLAND. Rare compound on over a acre, zoned for horses, Zen like grounds w/koi pond, spectacular master suite & chef's kitchen. Kurt Buchholz

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OAKLAND. One of a kind setting w/panoramic views overlooking the park. Spacious home w/dramatic formal rooms & family room. Kurt Buchholz

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OAKLAND. Beautiful Jarvis-designed traditional w/ enchanting outdoor spaces! 4BR/2.5BA, kitchen/family room opens to patio & gardens. Bebe McRae

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OAKLAND Gracious & well-maintained mid-century contemporary w/Bay view & level gardens. 4BR/3+BA & a flexible floor plan! Julie Gardner

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,085,000
OAKLAND. English style home w/lovely formal rooms, paneled family room, office, updated kitchen & inviting gardens. Mindy Scott

CLAREMONT TREASURE \$1,050,000
BERKELEY. Walter Ratcliff one level architectural treasure! Redwood interiors. 2BR/2BA, study + finished attic. Enchanting garden. Faye Keogh

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EMERYVILLE. Owner's penthouse loft + adjacent income loft! Historic Besler Bldg. Great open spaces w/hill views. Bebe McRae

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BERKELEY. Elmwood home designed by John Hudson Thomas. Updated w/modern conveniences. Three fireplaces. 3BR/2.5BA. Diane Verducci

NORTHBRAE VICTORIAN \$790,000
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BERKELEY. Views & open floorplan highlight this great North Berkeley hills home! 3BR/2BA, family room. Bebe McRae

LAUREL BUNGALOW \$630,000
1920's charm. Country kitchen & formal dining room. Bonus studio/ office. Garden. Christine

ADAMS POINT BUNGALOW \$610,000
Stylish California bungalow. Completely renovated w/chic designer details! Hope Brown

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BERKELEY. Beautiful view lot near Claremont Resor! Building plans by Regan Bice. Bebe McRae

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Leaving the lights on

BY STACY DOWNS
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A porch light can add dignity to a home's exterior, creating a warm glow for guests. But a light too big or just the wrong style can detract from a home's character.

Lighting should feel like a natural extension of the home, says Shirley Allen, an architectural historian and senior designer for Rejuvenation, a Portland company specializing in period lighting. "The color of the glass makes a difference," says Shirley Allen. For example, a white glass shade adds the proper degree of brightness to houses painted in white, ivory, amber or stone. A gray glass creates a softer look, while a blue or beige shade creates interest for dark exteriors.

Allen recently installed a white light on the front of a gray house in the Montclair Village, Kan., house. The light fixture plays off the dark doors and window frames. The wall-mounted light is modern in keeping with the ranch-style home. "The finishing touch the exterior needed," says Cindy Kelly, who owns the home with her husband. Before, there were only two lights in the soffit. No porch light. The stairs and entrance were not lit. "Now people will use the porch instead of the one in the driveway," she says.

What to consider if you're looking for a porch light: Underwriters Laboratories says what's safe to use outdoors is for an outdoor light that needs protection from the weather and can be exposed to direct sunlight and doesn't require protection. If you're not familiar with a home's architectural style, a good way to choose a light is to use the same style you would use to decorate your house. For example, says the straightforward Craftsman light fixtures

would go well with a "simple, boxy" house. An English Tudor one with its curves and details would look best with a house described as "charming, romantic."

Placement: Wall-mounted fixtures have a downside if they're hung next to your front door. "The spider webs and dead moths will be right at eye level," Sullivan says.

Scale: A larger fixture works well with a two-story house, Allen says. A smaller one typically looks better on a one-story home.

Material: Shiny, polished fixtures show spots quickly. Iron and steel eventually will rust in the air and moisture. So, your best bets for finishes are oil-rubbed bronzes and dark antique bronzes. "Outside, metal wants to return where it came from — the dirt," Sullivan says.

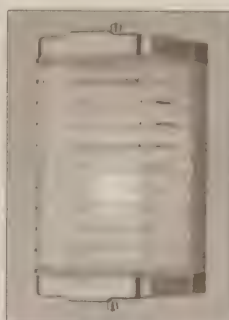
Safety: Make sure your address number is clearly illuminated, making it easy for emergency services to find your house. The light should

be positioned so it shines on stairs to prevent falls. You want to be able to see your keys when you get home. "It's important to replace burned-out fixtures as soon as possible," says Angela Mickalide, deputy director of education and outreach for the Home Safety Council in Washington, D.C.

Light bulbs: The maximum brightness your porch light should be is 60 watts, out of respect for neighbors, say Allen and Sullivan. Compact fluorescent bulbs are more energy-efficient so you won't have to change them as often as incandescent ones. But fluorescents don't produce the warm, soft light incandescents can.

Allen keeps his porch light on constantly. Using a dimmer switch, he cranks up the light when he's entertaining guests.

But most of the time, the light is low so neighborhood moths don't party on the porch.



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PORCH LIGHTS ACCENT a home's style. Shown are the Colonial Revival model, left, and the Otis model metal outdoor light, right, both by Rejuvenation.

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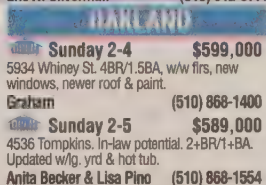
SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$549,000
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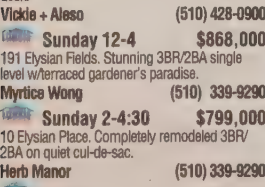
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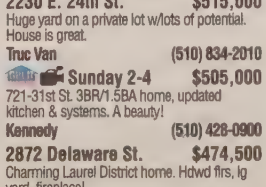
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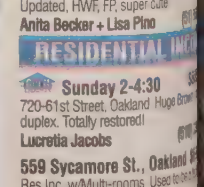
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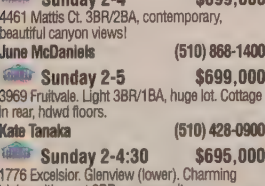
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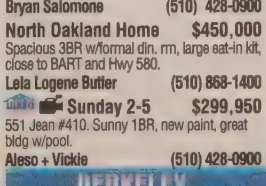
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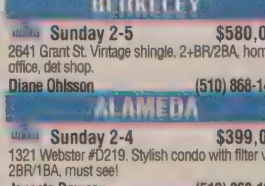
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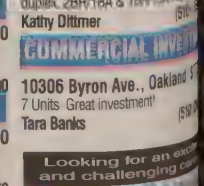
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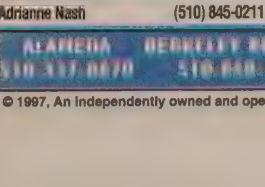
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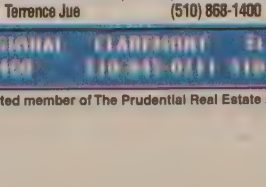
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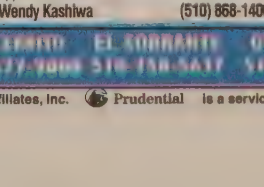
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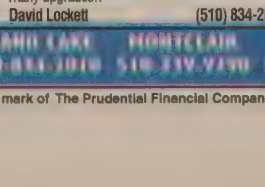
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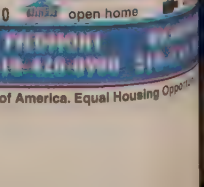
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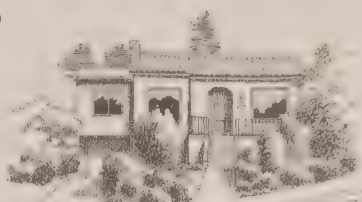
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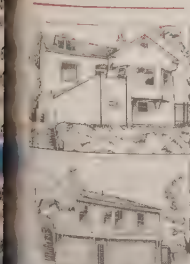


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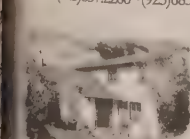
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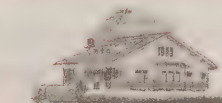
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Renovated by pano SF/Bay views, decks perfect for in/outdoor entertaining, this traditional is incredible! Vaulted ceilings, HWF's, beautiful woodwork, kitchen, FDR, rumpus/media room, open design, charm & updates throughout. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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ROCKRIDGE \$995,000
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MONTCLAIR \$839,000
5870 ASCOT DRIVE
Spacious 4bd/2ba home with open floor plan and walls of glass. Huge lot & master suite. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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GRASS VALLEY \$769,000
4833 SHETLAND
1st Open. Updated, spacious 4bd/3ba contemp. w/huge custom kitch, 2 master suites, lg family room & oversized FDR. Gleaming HWF's, marble/tile baths, & LR frplc. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$749,000
4048 COOLIDGE
Lovely trad. w/ Mediterranean touches in serene garden setting. Vaulted beam ceiling in LR, FDR, random plank flrs, 3bd/2ba, rumpus room, interior access to Grg. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 Photos at:
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MONTCLAIR \$749,000
5620 SNAKE ROAD
Gorg. 13,000+ sq ft landscaped grounds. 1930's trad. Home w/ remodeled kitch & bath. Great rm has vaulted wood beamed ceiling, brick FP & plank hdwd flrs. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$719,000
4237 DETROIT AVENUE
Just listed! Updated Mediterranean with coved ceilings, hardwoods, formal dining, family room, and yard. OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at:
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MONTCLAIR \$689,000
6690 PINE NEEDLE DRIVE
Contemp. 3bd/3ba in gorgeous wooded setting! Updated kitchen & baths. Great rm has vaulted wood beam ceilings, HWF's stone frplc & skylights. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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OAKMORE (LOWER) \$649,000
3973 HANLY RD
Charming 2bd plus office in Lower Oakmore. Living room with fireplace, formal dining room, Hardwood floors. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Nader Davari 339.8400-339.4566



GLENVIEW \$599,000
3952 CANON AVENUE
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MAXWELL PARK \$499,000
2963 55TH AVENUE
Charming! Great yard and fireplace, matchstick hardwood, new dual pane windows. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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OAK KNOLL \$599,000
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ALAMEDA \$449,000
2420 MARTI RAE COURT
Adorable 1920's cottage completely renovated. Original beauty w/ modern conveniences. Hdwd flrs, stone frplc, picture moldings, walking distance to everything.
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OAKLAND \$399,950
2509 66TH AVENUE
Craftsman bungalow with 3 spacious bedrooms and 1 bath. Living room with fireplace, FDR, HWF's. Sold As Is with court confirmation.
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WALNUT CREEK \$395,000
1721 SOUTH VILLA WAY
1bd/1ba Condo. Nice end unit, living room w/ sun room/ bonus room. New int. paint, laundry room, swimming pool & hot tub, parking.
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WEST OAKLAND \$359,000
1728 11TH STREET
Investors, this is it! Incredible opportunity awaits you at this 2+bd/1+ba Victorian. Original charm looking for modern touches. Large yard & huge partially developed lower level.
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PARKWOODS \$539,000
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$1,088,000
4224 REINHARDT DR
Hdwd/marble/granite flrs, Great rm w/frplc, 1 bonus rm, eat-in kitch, master ste. w/ frplc & hot tub in bathrm. Laundry, 2 car grg.
Ken Nwokedi 339.8400-485.5119

RIDGEMONT \$815,000
4921 STONERIDGE COURT
Spacious 4bd/2.5ba w/delightful back yard garden. Selective upgrades enhance traditional quality. High ceilings, HWF's, tile, & lots of windows.
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Dream home becomes unbuildable quagmire

Q. I hope you can answer a question for me. My wife and I purchased an undeveloped lot in 2003 for \$350,000. It was the last lot in an up-scale subdivision and our intention was to build on it and then flip it, after living in it a few years, so we could take advantage of the \$500,000 capital gains break.

Before we purchased we did our due diligence and checked to make sure the lot was buildable.

We received a copy of the soils engineering report that the previous owner had paid for and it showed there was some thrust fault activity that had restricted the building site somewhat.

We talked to the city about it and they agreed that as long as we abided by the soils engineering report that we would be OK.

We then purchased the lot, hired an architect, and began work on our dream house. I should note here that neither my wife nor I are engineers and we trusted the report that had been provided to us by the seller. I had built a house myself on the peninsula so I was aware of the steps in getting approval from the city.

When we finally submitted our plans to the Building Department their contracted engineering firm noticed a slight discrepancy in the original soils report. Because of that discrepancy we were required to do additional testing so we hired the exact same engineering firm that had done the work originally.

After additional trenching was done, more problems were found

and it turned out that virtually the entire lot was now unbuildable, except for an 8-foot swath down the middle.

Our dream of building a 5,000-square-foot custom home went away once we saw the report. And for all intents and purposes our lot was now deemed worthless.

In talking with an attorney we learned that this previously unknown defect meant that we could rescind the original sales contract. Apparently it didn't matter whether the seller knew (or should have known) about the defect or not. The contract stipulated that we had to go

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through mediation first, then binding arbitration.

We've since learned that the soils engineering firm that the seller and

I used has since gone into bankruptcy and the seller isn't even taking the property back so it is worthless. So far most of it has been a complete waste of money.

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Ann Nichols
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NEW LISTING NEAR PIEDMONT AVENUE
OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2-4:30PM



4488 Moraga Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$649,000

Classic 1920's bungalow with untarnished original details near Piedmont Avenue. Well cared for by its long-time owner, this 2BR/1BA home features built-in bookshelves and a desk flanking the living room fireplace, a large formal dining room with original cabinetry, eat-in kitchen & a fantastic deck. Tastefully updated bath, refinished hardwood floors and recently painted interior and exterior. 1-car garage. Conveniently close to commute lines and Piedmont Avenue shopping and dining.

NEW LISTING IN MONCLAIR
OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2-5PM



Helen Danbaki
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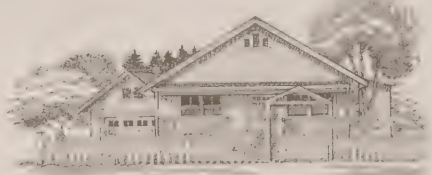
1827 Woodhaven Way, Oakland
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Nestled in a grove of majestic Redwoods just a half block from Montclair Swim Club, this charming home boasts 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, formal dining area & an eat-in kitchen opening to a private patio & wooded yard. Nice separation of spaces.



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NEW LISTING IN THE OAKLAND HILLS
OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1-5PM



6417 Sunnymere Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$599,000

A wonderful spacious family home with a formal living/dining room, 3BR/2BA, a separate office, large family room, expansive attic and an attached garage with interior access! The newly updated kitchen boasts maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and an abundant amount of storage. Invite friends over for BBQs in the large, sunny backyard! Conveniently close to both Highways 580 & 13.

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000

5935 MANCHESTER AVE.
Wonderful 4+BR/4+BA Traditional w/fabulous GG views. Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard room w/fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, separate library, beautiful gardens. Keith Talas x1382

CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,495,000

7111 NORFOLK RD. (Open Sat & Sun 2-5)
World Class Bay Views from almost every room of this BRAND NEW modern art style contemporary. Open living & dining areas, state-of-the-art kitchen, apt. 4000 sq. ft. Fritz Hochfelner x1348

PIEDMONT \$2,200,000

58 LAKEVIEW AVE.
Wonderful Central Piedmont Traditional with 4BR & 3+BA. A wet bar leads from formal dining room to eat-in kitchen. Deck, patio and great rear garden. Sally Saxby Morrison x1313

MONTCLAIR \$1,930,000

11 OBSERVATION PL.
Refined contemporary home on prestigious Observation Place. Outstanding craftsman-style. Stunning Bay views. Level yard. David Hildreth x1331

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,725,000

5234 COCHRANE
Chic, contemporary on prime street. Uplifting design with high ceilings and generous spaces. 3+BR/2+BA, family room with fireplace, large kitchen, breakfast area. Lori Lombardo x1377



PIEDMONT Price Upon Request

15 LITTLEWOOD DR.
Gorgeous contemporary, built around a pool & patio, on the heart of Piedmont. 4BR, 2.5BA, huge family room on one level. 2 bonus rooms downstairs, workshop, interior garage access. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

MONTCLAIR \$1,200,000

7062 THORNHILL DR. (open 2-5)
Architectural character. Bridge & SF views. Apt. 1/3 acre, lavishly landscaped. Wonderful indoor/outdoor flow. 4BR, 3BA, office, family room. See More at pacunion.com/ginierck. Gini Erck x1339

PIEDMONT \$1,200,000

216 RAMONA AVE.
Bright, sunny traditional with flowing floor plan. 2BR up plus 1BR, 1BA & family room down with separate entrance. Flat outdoor space for play & entertaining. Sandi Klemmer x1314



ADAMS POINT \$1,100,000

361 WARWICK AVE.
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NORTH BERKELEY \$995,000

2808 HILGARD AVE.
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PIEDMONT \$969,000

24 SYLVAN WY. (Open Sat & Sun 2-4)
Country charm in private setting. 1BA unit. Convenient location. Jane Strauch x1332 & Erika Celestre x1370



PIEDMONT \$915,000

331 MAGNOLIA AVE. (Open Sat & Sun)
New Listing. Living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, 2BR/1BA, possible expansion area. Med. Charm. Robyn Mohr x1310

MONTCLAIR \$889,000

1959 CORTEREALE AVE.
3BR/2BA situated on a peaceful cul-de-sac. Large picture windows create an abundance of light. French doors lead to patio and covered deck surrounded by landscaped yard and garden. Dick Cohen x1308

ROCKRIDGE \$879,000

6019 HILLEGASS (Open Sat & Sun)
Craftsman style 3BR/2BA 1920s home with full in-law Creek separation of space. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with nook. Rich Gould x1347 & Joanna Gould x1346

MONTCLAIR \$869,000

5925 PINWOOD RD.
Sunny custom Montclair home. 3BR, 3BA, master suite. 2 Fireplaces. Formal dining room. Family room off kitchen. Large lot. Sunny yard. Detached 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner x1303

MONTCLAIR \$859,000

6015 LA SALLE AVE.
Located near Village & direct Bus to S.F. Split-level. Formal living & dining, 2BR, 1.5BA on main level. Lower level 3rd BR/family room, plus room & bath. Teri Carlisle x1305 & Carla Buffington x1367

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$769,000

4150 GREGORY ST.
4+BR/3BA level-in home with in-law potential. Floor plan includes eat-in kitchen, formal dining, family room & office. Deck overlooking large fenced yard, garden & hills. Dwight McCan x1391

BY APPOINTMENT



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$729,000

3585 MONTEREY BLVD.
Storybook Mediterranean with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and original light fixtures and hardware. Full basement with lots of extras. Diane Earl McCan x1352

MONTCLAIR \$725,000

6845 THORNHILL DR.
Contemporary Tahoe-style home in wooded setting. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, plus studio with separate entrance. Large master suite. Never paint & carpet, hardwood floors. Joanna Hirsch x1366



BERKELEY \$719,000

1119 CARLETON ST.
3BR, 2BA craftsman/period detail. Hardwood floors, natural wood built-ins, fireplace, master suite opening to gardener's paradise, and country kitchen/wedgewood stove. Great location. Dan Joy x1304



ROCKRIDGE \$689,000

355 GLENDALE AVE.
This light-filled 2+BR, 1BA bungalow has the architectural details of another era. Custom wood work, a formal dining room, an eat-in kitchen, and a spacious backyard. Martha Holstlaw x1312

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$675,000

4381 RETTIG AVE.
Sunny oasis with fenced yard in wooded setting including patios and garden. 3BR/1BA, eat-in kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, formal dining, 1-car attached garage. Lee Jacobson x1309

DIMOND \$639,000

2201 DAMUTH ST. (Open 2-5)
Oakland Hills Views. 2-story Craftsman 4BR, 1BA. Living & dining rooms with built-in bookcases, hardwood floors, dining room hutch & grand fireplace. Jennie Flanigan x1354 & Joanna Hirsch x1366



LOWER ROCKRIDGE \$599,000

491 MCALEY ST.
NEW LISTING. Located near shopping & BART. Updated & remodeled 3BR/2BA turn of the century cottage. Master bedroom opens to a wonderful garden & patio. Leslie Avant x1341

TEMESCAL \$549,000

4415 SHAFTER AVE. (Open Sat & Sun)
This c. 1920 bungalow shines with dramatic bold colors and wonderful details. Spacious updated kitchen with high ceilings and skylight. Jeffrey Neideman x1385

NORTH OAKLAND \$499,000

583 59TH ST.
Two bedroom condo with high-end finishes. Granite kitchen with stainless appliances. Great floorplan for entertaining guests. Tom Nemeth x1381

ROCKRIDGE \$475,000-\$485,000

320 51ST A, B, C, D
Remodeled 1BR condos, each with its own laundry & garage. New kitchens, baths, hardwood floors. Full of light and sunshine. Vibrant College Avenue just around the corner. Leslie Easterday x1363

PIEDMONT \$5,950,000

Manicured residence designed by Willis Polk in the Beaux Arts style. Approx. 1.5 acres with European-style gardens & swimming pool. 5+BR/5+BA. Georgia Cornell x1325 & Nancy Rothman 510-701-0230

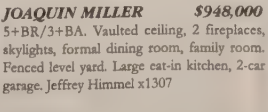


PIEDMONT \$4,250,000

Architectural treasure - magnificent John Hudson Thorne with intricate and refined period detailing. Warm wood finishes. Elegant formal rooms, 5+BR, 5+BA, family room. Georgia Cornell x1325

PT. RICHMOND \$1,695,000

Beautiful remodeled waterfront property. Fabulous views of San Francisco, Angel Island, Mt. Tam & boats on the Bay. Great flow from inside to outside. New kitchen & baths. Donna DeBardi x1374



JOAQUIN MILLER \$948,000

5+BR/3+BA. Vaulted ceiling, 2 fireplaces, skylights, formal dining room, family room. Fenced level yard. Large eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

BAY-O-VISTA \$899,000

Contemporary 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on approximately 2 acres. Family room. Master bedroom with vaulted ceiling, skylight and sunken tub. Michelle Miller x1335

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$829,000

Exquisite, sophisticated 1920's Traditional. Front porch. Sleek kitchen & updated baths. Numerous upgrades. Main floor family room or great 3rd BR. Detached office/studio. Steven Biasini x1379

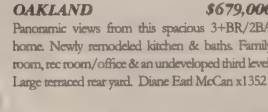


REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$699,000

Charming 3BR/2BA traditional with bay views, newly refinished hardwood floors, newer roof & freshly painted. Wonderful architectural details. A gardener's delight. Diane Earl McCan x1352

OAKLAND HILLS \$695,000

Spacious 4BR/3BA view home on large level lot in coveted area. Needs work. Great opportunity. Contact your agent for showing. Tom Nemeth x1381



OAKLAND \$679,000

Panoramic views from this spacious 3+BR/2BA home. Newly remodeled kitchen & baths. Family room, rec room/office & an undeveloped third level. Large terraced rear yard. Diane Earl McCan x1352

UPPER LAUREL \$639,000

Cozy Laurel Bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. 9,860± sq. ft. lot with garden, waterfall, hot tub, and still room to expand! Kathy Flynn x1317



LAKE MERRITT \$525,000

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Montclair

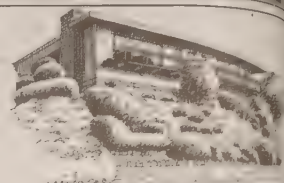
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Claremont Pines contemporary with stunning Bay views. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths.

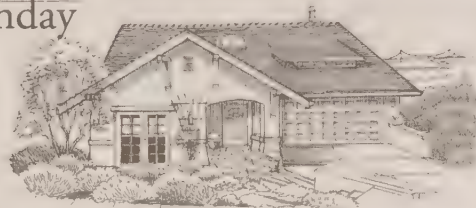
Originally offered at \$1,385,000
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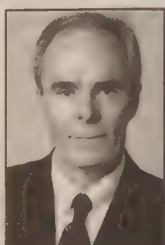
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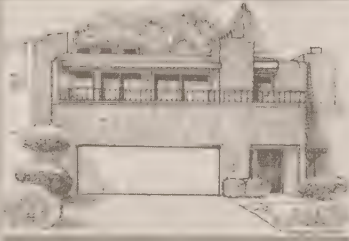
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57 SERENO CIRCLE

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roomy kitchen, fireplace, and a
cozy loft space with built-ins and
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gorgeous views spanning three
bridges. 3 bedrooms, 2.5
bathrooms with sunny central
courtyard.
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DIANA KAY
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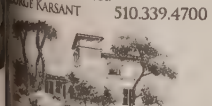
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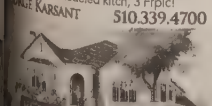
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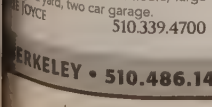
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MONTCLAIR
6117 FAIRLANE DRIVE
4 BR 3 BA 1994 Beautiful contemporary
Living & Family rm with flpc. Luxurious
mater suit
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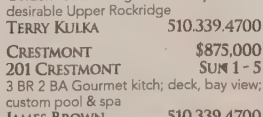
CROCKER HIGHLANDS
1099 LONGRIDGE ROAD
3 BR 2+ BA Enchanting renovated
Mediterranean. Great outdoor living,
family room, plus room
DIAN HYMER
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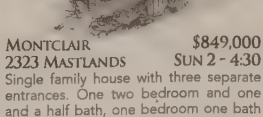
SEQUOIAH
4386 SHORT HILL ROAD
3 BR 3 BA Custom built in 1951, on lg lot
w/ nice sense of privacy & lovely views
MICHAEL GALLAGHER
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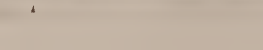
UPPER ROCKRIDGE
5720 BUENA VISTA
3 BR 2 BA Custom built home with great
Golden Gate Bridge & SF Bay view in
desirable Upper Rockridge
TERRY KULKA
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CRESTMONT
201 CRESTMONT
3 BR 2 BA Gourmet kitch; deck, bay view;
custom pool & spa
JAMES BROWN
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MONTCLAIR
2323 MASTLANDS
Single family house with three separate
entrances. One two bedroom and one
and a half bath, one bedroom one bath
with kitchen and one studio. Needs TLC.
DAVID ECKERT
\$10.339.4700



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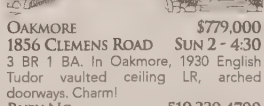
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2090 ARROWHEAD
4 BR 2 BA Architectural Gem. Designed
by student of Frank Lloyd Wright in 1950's.
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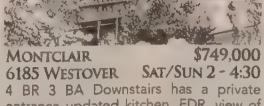
OAKMORE
1856 CLEMENS ROAD
3 BR 1 BA. In Oakmore, 1930 English
Tudor vaulted ceiling LR, arched
doorways. Charm!
RUBY NG
\$10.339.4700



WALNUT CREEK
1928 PIPER RIDGE COURT
3 BR 2.5 BA Settle into this lrg & sunny
hlm w/ high ceilings & skylts. Don't Miss
Office + Sitting Rm.
GEORGE KARSANT
\$10.339.4700



EL SOBRANTE
895 BRIDGEWAY CIR
4 BR 3 BA Beautiful, vineyard and Calif.
native plants, frpic. tile, w/w carpet, 2
decks w/views.
GREGG LUSTIG
\$10.486.1495



MONTCLAIR
6185 WESTOVER
4 BR 3 BA Downstairs has a private
entrance updated kitchen, FDR, view of
SF from deck. Sweet!
TERRY ANTHONY
\$10.339.4700



RICHMOND
1551 SOLITUDE LN.
3 BR 2.5 BA Large home. Open floor plan
w/gorgeous canyon views! More photos
& info @ www.GDELLA.com
GENE DELLA MAGGIORA
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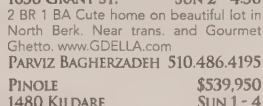
HILLTOP
3028 COLETTE DRIVE
4 BR 3 BA Master suite w/ private balcony
overlooking hills. Spacious sunroom! 2-
car garage
CJ BOYDSTON
\$10.339.4700



REDWOOD HEIGHTS
57 SERENO CIRCLE
2 BR 2 BA This contemporary townhouse-
style condominium has big San Francisco
Bay Views!
CHRIS BANKER
\$10.339.4700



BERKELEY
1638 GRANT ST.
2 BR 1 BA Cute home on beautiful lot in
North Berk. Near trans. and Gourmet
Ghetto. www.GDELLA.com
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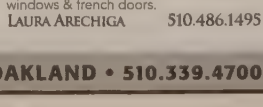
PINOLE
1480 KILDARE
3 BR 2 BA Charming Ranch w/Open fr
Plan & Private Yd., Hdwd Floors, Shows
Beautifully. Don't Miss It!
CLAUDIA BOWMAN
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OAKLAND
3283 MARKET STREET
3 BR 1.5 BA This home has great space &
charming features: lrg bdrms, quaint
farm rm, & eat-in kitch.
REVA TOLBERT
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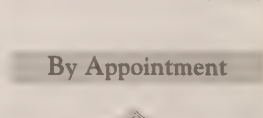
OAKLAND
4546 VIRGINIA AVE
2 BR 1 BA Light filled Mediterranean,
huge yrd, bonus bath & room, dual pane
windows & french doors.
LAURA ARECHIGA
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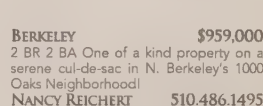
MILLSMONT
6425 HILLMONT
2 BR 1 BA Captivating cottage on
tranquil wooded creekside lot, updated
kitchen & bath
VICKY FAULK
\$10.339.4700



OAKLAND
3 BR 2 BA Emeryville Border Duplex. 2
Spacious units. New Foundtn, roof,
plumbing, kitchens Views!
CATHERINE VARNAL
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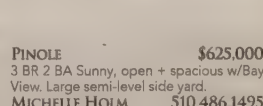
BERKELEY
2 BR 2 BA One of a kind property on a
serene cul-de-sac in N. Berkeley's 1000
Oaks Neighborhood!
NANCY REICHERT
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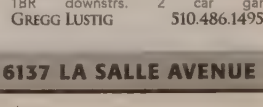
EL CERRITO
4+BR 3 BA Inviting home, great location!
Mstr suite, partial Bay view, sunny kit, lg
yard, nr BART
TANIA BALAZS-GVISHI
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PINOLE
3 BR 2 BA Sunny, open + spacious w/Bay
View. Large semi-level side yard.
MICHELLE HOLM
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RICHMOND
Must See! 3 BR 3 BA Beautiful, cathedral
ceilings, frpic. Wood, tile, w/w carpet,
1BR downstrs. 2 car gar
GREGG LUSTIG
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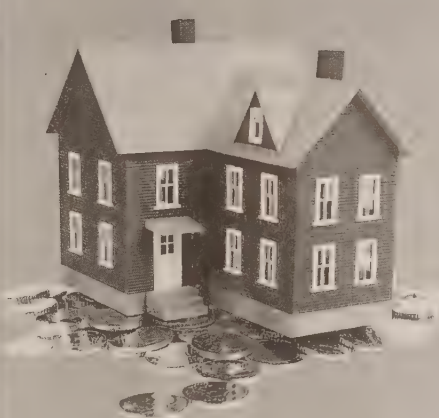
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Alameda

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Andrea Gordon



Alameda

\$979,000

Open

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Berkeley

\$1,495,000

5+BR/4BA. Fabulous large N. Berkeley craftsman-style home. Multiple decks & hot tub allow one to enjoy seeing the bay, the bridge, & gorgeous sunsets. 1 BR Au Pair unit with separate entrance. Low maintenance gardens. Walk to "gourmet ghetto".

Miriam Wilson

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Berkeley

\$899,000

Open

Wonderful tri-plex in great location. Nicely maintained building & grounds. Two additional unwar-wanted units. Serious investment opportunity.

2808 Grant Street
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Oakland

\$895,000

View

This is one of the best view lots in the Hills. Panoramic view of SF & degree unobstructed bay view. Private setting off a private drive. Impressive mediterranean home designed, survey & soils. See video at www.melcopland.net

Mel Copland



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\$859,000

Large duplex & det gar. Up- 4BR. Down- 2+BR. Tenant occupied w/ great rental income or perfect for owner use. Enormous lot zoned R50 for amazing development potential. Great loc.

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Montclair

\$699,000

Open

2BR/1.5BA. Fully remodeled cottage. Huge lot. Fully landscaped w/ auto sprinklers. Softwood floors. Lovely tiled kit & BA's. 1 car gar. Near the village. EZ frwy access.

124 Duncan
Open Sun 2-4:30
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Oakland

\$599,000

Open

2BR/1BA. Remodeled kit. Gorgeous hwd flrs. Large DR. LR w/ brick frplc. Det gar w/hobby area. Great gardener's yard. Drip irrigation. Pantry/office. Inside Indry. By shopping. 2954 California St.
Open Sun 1-4
Randy Churchill



Oakland

\$569,000

Open

3BR/2BA. Terrific bungalow refurnished in & out. New tile. Remodeled bath. Lots of storage, garage, home office space/wkshp. Great location. 1154 Bayview Ave.
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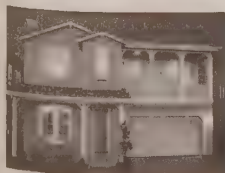
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FROM PAGE B14

(there is no middle ground here) and the next step is arbitration. Ultimately we think we will prevail. Do you agree, based on the facts as I have described them, that we have a case against the seller?

A. I would agree with your attorney. It is important for you to have an arbitrator who is an attorney and knowledgeable about the statutory and case law that has formed your attorney's opinion on how the case should be decided.

The arbitration process is substantially different than suing in court. Arbitrators are not always knowledgeable about the laws and court decisions relevant to the disputes that they settle. The message to readers of the column is that real estate, especially raw land, can be complex. Testing for soil conditions, site pollution and even the correct boundaries of the property are critical.

Q. I believe that a real estate agent has committed fraud, misrepresentation of facts and other violations. My question is, do I need a real estate attorney or litigator? Are there attorneys who handle only

malpractice in the real estate field?

A. You have said very little regarding the context of these issues and how you were damaged and what you are seeking for a remedy. Based on your letter, you should contact your county bar association and obtain the names of attorneys who specialize in real estate disputes.

Often local bar associations have lawyer referral programs where you can discuss your case for a minimal fee. When selecting an attorney ask what they will do, how long it will take and what their services will cost. Good luck.

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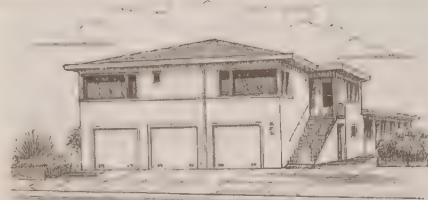
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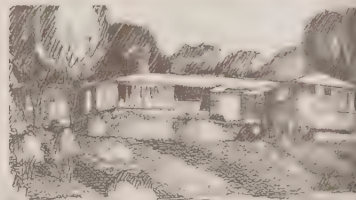
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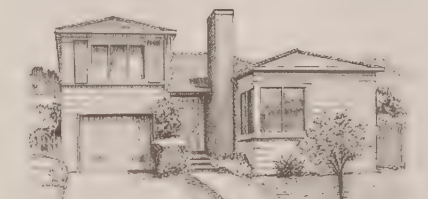


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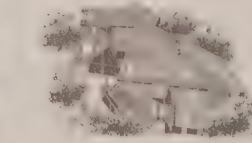


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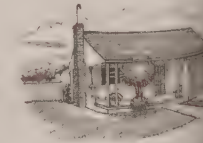


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Automating the real estate loan process

Technology is there, but assistance to change the process is needed. MINNA GROSCHIND

Automating the mortgage and delivery process could reduce the cost of loans for borrowers, according to Chris Patterson, partner in the Dallas-based Peirson Patterson LLP. Peirson Patterson has a strong incentive to automate the process, but what is now a cumbersome and fragmented process is not strong enough yet to overcome the resistance to change. Patterson told mortgage industry executives who gathered in Las Vegas last week to attend the "Mid-Winter Thaw" conference sponsored by United General Insurance Co. that the implementation of the "E-Sign" law laid the foundation for the electronic process, Peirson said, but not just because it permits electronic closings, but because it opened the door to the automatic delivery of mortgage documents. That was the signal to the primary and secondary markets that the process had changed," she said. In place, the electronic delivery and delivery of mortgage documents is no longer a distant possibility, but an imminent prospect, according to Patterson, who cautioned executives not to believe that this innovation is still 10 years away.

most of which, Peirson noted, are related to the erroneous data and the steps required to correct it.

Beyond the beyond

A fully automated delivery system will also tame a closing process that, in its current form, "is a disaster for all parties," Peirson said, especially for consumers. The closing is the last contact borrowers have with the mortgage lender. Improving that experience will enhance the ability of lenders to retain those customers; the potential for customer retention combined with the ability to easily capture the accurate and reliable customer data the electronic process creates will enable lenders "to cross-sell their whole array of financial products. This is huge for bankers," Peirson said. "It is beyond the beyond."

Mark Braden, chief information officer of Irwin Mortgage, echoed Peirson's emphasis on the value

and necessity of fully automating a process that, in its current "consumer unfriendly" form, he said, increases mortgage-lending costs "without adding any value."

Irwin, described as "on the bleeding edge" of the electronic mortgage trend, has learned much from its pioneering role, Braden said. Primary among those lessons

— the company now recognizes that the key is not, as once thought, automating the mortgage approval process, but rather, automating the closing, funding, and delivery of the loans. This is where the opportunity to reduce risks, lower costs, and improve the borrowers' experience resides, Braden suggested. But overhauling the existing

closing and delivery infrastructure will require someone to play the role Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac played in automating the mortgage origination function by developing the standardized underwriting systems that "drove changes in the industry."

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Who wants it?

"We need the title and settlement industries to step up and work with the secondary market to create a model that works for middle market players," Braden said. The technology for change exists, he insisted. "The question is, do settlement agents and title insurers want it?" Braden said he doesn't see "a lot of street level enthusiasm (from these sectors), and it's going to take a lot of push-down effort to create it. While overhauling the existing system will be difficult without the leadership of existing players, he acknowledged, "if they don't do it, someone else will."

Peirson agreed with Braden and echoed his warning. Settlement service providers have "a window of opportunity" to reconstruct a broken system, she said, "but that window is closing fast." The "push down" pressure for change Braden mentioned is coming from a new generation of home buyers, who are accustomed to seamless, efficient Internet transactions, and who, Peirson insisted, "won't tolerate" the existing loan closing process. If the current players don't build this (electronic) system, someone else is going to build it in their garage," she added, "and frankly, they could. All the technology issues have been resolved."

Unfinished business

Steve Mase, founder and president of Dexma — a provider of technology solutions for the mort-

gage industry — thinks many of those technology solutions remain incomplete, primarily because the largest lenders, with the resources to invest, control the innovations. And the innovations they emphasize tend to be innovations designed to solve their individual problems. That's why bundling and other solutions needed to drive industry-wide changes remain unfinished, Mase argued.

"We're building custom, hand-crafted solutions that serve a particular company or service provider," but these are not the broadly applicable solutions needed to address systemic problems in the mortgage process.

"We're spending billions on technology," Mase agreed, but the innovations that meet the industry's need for reliable solutions that can be replicated "are scarce."

Too many fixtures may lower the water pressure

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Q: I have a two-story condo, about 2,000 square feet, that has a 40-gallon water heater. My problem is low water pressure. I have had the city come out and make sure the outside valve is turned on all the

way. I have changed the water filters. How can I get more pressure? It is low for both hot and cold water, and in the showers especially.

A: If the whole house is affected, it might be a case of too many fixtures and a too-small supply pipe leading from the water meter. You

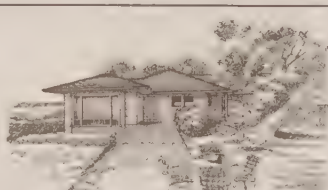
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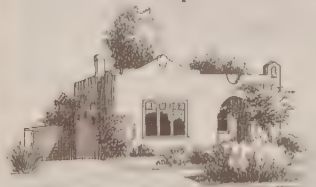
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BY PAGE B22

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There are plenty of companies that sell modular sunroom additions. Because they come already assembled, they require less labor to install. This is a cost, but you do have to factor transportation costs into the equation. Still, it's a possibility you should explore.

I am getting remarried soon and need some advice on how to redo my cherry wood. My fiancé has a cherry cabinet in his kitchen, but they have grease and stains on the front. How do I make it look new?

I'd go with Orange Glo to clean and polish the cabinets, or use a couple of coats of tung oil to make sure the tung oil is a cherry finish.

I have used Orange Glo on my kitchen cabinets and wood floors, and it helps renew the look.

I had a painter to remove the wallpaper a previous owner had used in my living room, dining room, stairs and hall. Behind the wallpaper were plaster walls. The painter was not able to remove the wallpaper in all areas. He told me what he had done successfully in the past was paint the wall with an oil-based Kilz primer, then the wallpaper bubble up, then the bubbles, spackle, sand and paint.

What he did. When he was done, the walls looked great. But later, my walls began to crackle. The painter had cut out the damaged wallpaper with Kilz again, and then he painted again. Six months later, the same thing is happening. My walls look like cracked eggshells everywhere. So I go from here, short of asking over the whole mess? The way, the painter never did the paste off the walls at all. Could this be part of the problem? If so, what do I do about

A: I've taken down a lot of wallpaper in my day, and a lot of it was difficult to take down, but I've always found away. Steam works really well, but it takes time. Chemical strippers, warm water and soap, warm water and vinegar, and just plain scraping and then repairing any damaged plaster or drywall underneath have worked for me. I've never heard of using Kilz to make wallpaper bubble up and off.

That said, surface preparation is the key to any paint job, and when you remove wallpaper and paint, you must remove the paste underneath, too, otherwise the finish takes on the look you describe. I think you should call in a plasterer to take a look at the problem and recommend a solution. I think the problem has gone past mere repainting.

Do you have a question for Alan J. Heavens? You can e-mail him at ahavens@phillynews.com or write him at The Inquirer, Box 8263, Philadelphia 19101.

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Home-price curiosity goes way back

Remembering the old home-valuation days

BY BRADLEY INMAN
INMAN NEWS

In a 1925 New Yorker magazine short story, "A Certain Lady," Dorothy Parker wrote: "...she may be found frequently inspecting and pricing Park Avenue apartments, and hopefully calling up real estate agents to inquire if the prices in that part of town have taken a change for the better since her last inquiry."

Curiosity about home prices is not new, there are just more people curious today, as Zillow learned its first day online when its servers crashed trying to feed the mad rush to get home valuations.

Zillow launched in February after a year of speculation and secrecy over what the company's founder Rich Barton, who created online travel giant Expedia, could do in real estate. Zillow's tool enables consumers to look up home valuations online, but the company suffered outages most of the day as hundreds of thousands of people tried to log on.

In 1999, HomeGain launched a free home-valuation tool, using 40 million public records at the time. We required registration but it still kicked us cold on some days. I remember the scramble to get back up, so I felt for Barton and his team yesterday.

HomeGain registered 3 million people in a year or so for the service before modifying it to become more focused on Realtor leads and less focused on the valuation service.

Those were fun days as we fed people's obsession with learning the value of their homes. The obsession today has turned into real estate hysteria.

Not everyone was enthusiastic about setting home-valuation data free. In two states, I was personally named in legal complaints for illegally practicing the work of an appraiser. My madman mantra at the time was, "I will gladly go to jail for committing the crime of giving public records to the public."

HomeGain offered two tools when it launched — the popular home-valuation tool and the seller/agent matching service. My idea behind the second service was

to give home sellers a way to negotiate commissions while staying anonymous by reviewing multiple bids from Realtors. It still works today, and HomeGain is pushing ahead under its new owner, Classified Ventures, which acquired the company in July 2005.

The Zillow valuation tool is much more robust than HomeGain's old tool, giving the new company a unique relationship to 70 million homeowners.

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Over the last few days, I was a tad nostalgic. But then I got a grip and realized how happy I am that Barton is taking up the fight now, not me.

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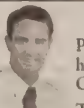
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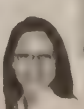


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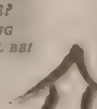
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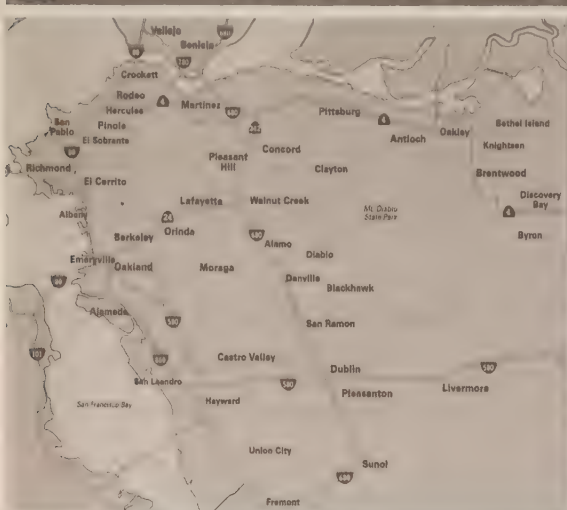
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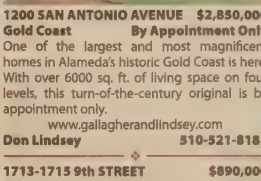
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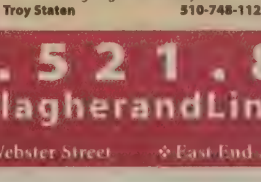
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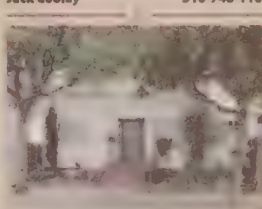


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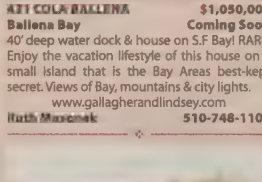
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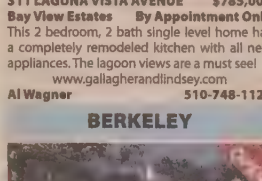
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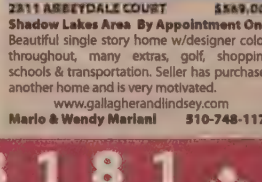
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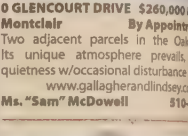
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Around the horn

Trying out for the NFL

Former Cal receiver Burt Toler III, a 2001 graduate of Bishop O'Dowd High School, has signed a contract with the Raiders. Toler comes from a family with a long football history. His father, Burt Sr., was an All-American at USF and went on to become a longtime NFL official. Burt Jr. was a three-year starter at line-backer for Cal in the 1970s, and served as a team captain in 1977. Brother Cameron, also a Bishop O'Dowd graduate, currently is a defensive back at USC. Burt Toler III joins fellow O'Dowd graduates Monson and Langston Walker on the Raiders. The signing also brings the number of O'Dowd graduates on NFL rosters to six, with Tank Glenn for the Colts and 2000 graduates Josh Johnson and Gabe Franklin on the rosters of the Chicago Bears and New York Giants, respectively. Another football news, Toler III's Cal teammate, Johnson Smith, a Skyline graduate, has signed as a free agent with the Detroit Lions, the school announced this week. Fellow Skyline graduate Gerris Johnson had been drafted as an inside linebacker in the third round by the New York Giants and Georgia Tech two weekends ago.

— Mike McGreehan

Piedmont resident shines

Piedmont's Daniel Clough, a freshman at the University of Hartford, in West Hartford, Conn., is one of 11 men's lacrosse players named to the America East Conference All-Rookie Team on Tuesday. Clough, an attacker, played in all 15 of his team's games, 14 as a starter. He led all Hawks scorers and was fourth on the team overall in scoring with 10 goals and five assists. His biggest highlight this season was a hat trick in a 13-10 win at Virginia Military Institute.

— Mike McGreehan

Triple Crown coming up

The sixth annual East Bay Triple Crown Trail Race is coming up. The first leg of the running series is May 21 at Tilden Park in Alameda. The Tilden Tough 10 starts at 8 a.m. For more information call (510) 644-4224 or log on to www.tildenpark.org. The three-race championship covers some of the most scenic areas of the East Bay Regional Park district. The second leg of the crown is the Lake Chabot Trail Challenge on May 28 in Castro Valley. The race is a half-marathon (13.1 miles). It also starts at 8 a.m. For more information, call (510) 278-0451 or log on to www.goldenbayrunners.org. The final leg of the crown is the 41st annual Woodminster Cross Country Race at Joaquin Miller Park on June 18 at 8 a.m. The Woodminster race is the oldest annual run in the East Bay. The distance is 9 miles. For more information, call (510) 655-8228 or log on to <http://home.almadadnet.net/~mhovernal/>. Runners must finish all three races to qualify for the Triple Crown championship.

— Dave Carpenter

Top-notch track athletes

The Bay Shore Athletic League championship meet on Saturday will feature three athletes who are nationally ranked for high school competitions entering this week. St. Elizabeth's Julian Purvis leads the pack in the girls 100 meter hurdles with a time of 1:30.20 seconds. Ke'Nyla Richardson of Holy Names is the second-longest girls triple jump in the nation (37 feet 10 1/2 inches). Salesian's Jahvid Best is tied for the national title in the boys 200 meters (21.03 seconds). Field event finals start at 2 p.m. at Piedmont, track finals start at 3 p.m.

—Phil Jensen

On deck

Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championships, track and field, at Berkeley High School, May 12, 3:30 p.m.—All the track finals will be held on Friday, as the top four finishers in each event advance to the North Coast Section Bayshore Championships on May 20 at James Logan.

ACCAL championships, track and field, at Piedmont High School, May 13, 2 p.m.—Field events start at 2 p.m., track events begin at 3 p.m., as the top four finishers in each event advance to the North Coast Section Bayshore Championships on May 20 at James Logan.

NCS Tournament of Champions, boys golf, May 12-13, 8 a.m.—Alameda's Jeff Lee, Albany's Adam Brown and St. Joseph's Notre Dame's Blake Yu are among the 21 individuals competing at Redwood Golf and Country Club in Fortuna. Bishop O'Dowd sent its entire team after shooting a five-hole score of 378 at the NCS South Qualifier on May 8. The top three teams as well as the top four individuals not on a qualifying team advance to the ACCAL tournament at Mira Vista on May 22.

Encinal vs. El Cerrito, baseball, at Cerrito Vista High School, May 17, 3:30 p.m.—The Jets could boost their chances for a higher seed in the NCS 2A East playoffs with a win over the league-leading Gauchos. As of Tuesday, El Cerrito was 9-1 in the ACCAL, 2-2 games ahead of Encinal. It is also the start of the week for the Jets, who end ACCAL play on May 18 against rival Alameda.

Stars of the week

Antonio Hollands, El Cerrito baseball — Hollands had a six-hit shutout as the Gauchos defeated Encinal 4-0 on Monday. Hollands improved to 6-1 on the season.

Lucy Cushing, St. Mary's boys swimming — Cushing won two individual events and swam legs on two winning relay teams in the BSAL championship meet. He won the 200-yard individual medley (1:44.59) and the 50 freestyle (21.83). Both of those times were NCS automatic qualifying times. St. Mary's also won the 200 medley relay (1:44.59) and the 200 freestyle relay (1:32.62).

Devonia Dailley, Albany girls swimming — Dailley won both the 100 freestyle (56.07) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.45) at the BSAL championship meet. The backstroke time was an NCS automatic qualifying time.

Gonzalez leaving El Cerrito with more than memories



ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS of Fred Gonzalez's career was coaching his three sons.

■ Gauchos boys volleyball coach to retire after 35 years of coaching West County high school athletes

By Dave Carpenter

STAFF WRITER

A person can store many memories in his mind over a 35-year period. Just ask Fred Gonzalez.

The El Cerrito High School boys volleyball coach has built up lots of them over a career that has spanned nearly four decades.

As Gonzalez is just a month away from retirement, what the 61-year-old remembers most about his long career is coaching his three sons.

"It's something I'll never forget," he said. "I never missed any of their games."

Gonzalez, a Richmond resident, has

coached and taught at several high schools in West Contra Costa County. After 39 years of teaching and 35 coaching, Gonzalez decided now was time to step down and enjoy retirement.

But that doesn't mean he is going away. He plans to keep himself busy by officiating high school girls volleyball in the fall and boys and girls soccer in the winter.

"It's very important to me," Gonzalez said. "I love to officiate because I'm still with the kids."

A native of El Paso, Texas, Gonzalez was an art major at Texas Western (now the University of Texas El Paso). The school is best known for being the first men's basketball team to win an NCAA title with an all-black starting lineup in 1966.

Texas Western became a national story when it upset Kentucky in the final. It also became the subject of the

movie "Glory Road" earlier this year.

"I graduated the year before they won the NCAA championship," Gonzalez said. "I know all those guys."

Gonzalez moved to Richmond after landing his first teaching job at Harry Ellis High School in 1967. He began coaching there four years later.

In his 18 years at Ellis, Gonzalez coached boys soccer, softball, boys and girls volleyball and badminton.

After the school closed in 1985, he moved on to Kennedy, where he taught and coached boys and girls soccer and softball until 1991.

He also coached boys volleyball at El Cerrito during that time.

If that wasn't enough, he was an assistant under football coach Steve Alameda at Kennedy from 1985-88.

"It was so much fun having Fred around," Alameda said. "He's so much

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Cushing's day to shine



■ St. Mary's senior wins four events at BSAL swim championships; Piedmont captures the team crown

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

St. Mary's High School boys swimmer Alex Cushing may have started his day by following teammate Roland Jenkins, but by the end everybody — including Jenkins — was after Cushing.

Cushing began Saturday swimming the second leg of the 200-yard medley relay, behind Jenkins. By the time Cushing was finished, he had four titles at the Bay Shore Athletic League swimming championships at Cunningham Pool in Vallejo.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

"The guy is good," said Jenkins, who finished second behind Cushing in the 50 freestyle. "He is a dedicated swimmer and it forces you to be dedicated. He pushes you and motivates you."

A senior, Cushing won the 200 individual medley (1 minute, 59.65 seconds), 50 freestyle (21.83) and swam a leg on both the winning 200 medley relay (1:44.59) and 200 freestyle relay (1:32.62) teams.

Blake Cushing (Alex's brother), Phillip Navo and Jenkins were Alex Cushing's teammates in the 200 medley relay. Jenkins, Alex Cushing, Blake Cushing and Vincent Asham formed the St. Mary's 200 freestyle relay team.

Despite being the lone male to win four events, Cushing's performance wasn't enough to lift St. Mary's to the team title. The Panthers finished third with 151 points behind Piedmont (208 points) and St. Patrick-St. Vincent (172) in the eight-team meet.

Blake Cushing won the 100 freestyle (50.24 seconds).

ACCAL swimming: This year's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League championship meet essentially was a two-team competition between Alameda and Berkeley, which had the largest shares of qualifiers in the finals at Contra Costa College on Saturday.

Berkeley's Armando Nikzad, a North Coast Section qualifier in both the boys 200 IM and 100 butterfly, won each of those events with respective times of 2:01.57 and 55.12. Other local individual winners included Austin Kovacs in diving (337.35 points)

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Albany swimmers star at BSAL championships

STAFF REPORT

Albany High School's Ursula Dailley and Isa Guardalabene won a total of three individual races in the Bay Shore Athletic League championships Saturday at Cunningham Pool in Vallejo.

Dailley produced a North Coast Section automatic qualifying time of 1 minute, 1.45 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke. She also won the 100 freestyle with an NCS consideration time of 56.07. Guardalabene won the 500 freestyle with an NCS consideration time of 5:21.50, and was second in the 200 freestyle with an NCS automatic time of 1:57.18.

Casey Osborn had two second-

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place finishes for the Cougars. She was the runner-up in the 200 individual medley with an NCS consideration time of 2:21.97, and in the 100 butterfly with an NCS consideration time of 1:01.05.

Albany finished fourth as a team with 139 points. St. Mary's was sixth with 56 points.

ACCAL championships: Katie Grue won two individual events for Berkeley on Saturday at Contra Costa College. She took first in the 200 individual medley with an NCS consideration time of 2:20.33, then won

the 500 freestyle with an NCS automatic time of 5:16.02.

A lot of Berkeley athletes were winners in Saturday's meet. The 200 medley relay team of Elsa Churchill, Sophie Geaney, Cassidy Churchill and Grue won with an NCS consideration time of 2:00.25. Churchill added a win in the 50 freestyle (26.43) and Cassidy Churchill was the 100 backstroke champion with an NCS consideration time of 1:04.87. The Yellow Jackets also won the final two relays in the girls competition. Geaney, Churchill, Lizzie Arnason and Leore Geller took first in the 200 freestyle relay with an NCS consideration time of 1:50.53, and Cassidy Churchill, Geller, Grue

and Lucy Potter won the 400 freestyle relay in an NCS consideration time of 3:55.93.

SOFTBALL

Berkeley 12, Encinal 1: The visiting Yellow Jackets improved their ACCAL-leading record to 9-0 with this victory on Monday. Sarah Neuhaus pitched a two-hitter for Berkeley and also was 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

St. Patrick-St. Vincent 5, St. Mary's 2: The visiting Bruins scored four runs in the second inning to take control of this BSAL game on Monday. Jenna Starkey had a double for

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El Cerrito fifth in mountain biking

The El Cerrito High School Mountain Biking Club was impressive in the final championships for the California High School Mountain Biking Series at Boggs in Sonoma, California.

El Cerrito achieved a No. 5 overall team ranking for the mountain biking season. Rex Roberts came in seventh in the 27-mile championship varsity race and eighth overall for the season. Jeffrey Franks added an 18th overall finish for El Cerrito.

In the 27-mile junior varsity girls championship race, Carin

Eames finished seventh and was seventh overall for the season. Lauren Halperin came in eighth for the season.

Michael Barragan finished 11th in the 18-mile sophomore boys championship race despite riding the last stretches of the race on a flat tire. He was also seventh overall for the season. Andrew McAfee came in ninth in the championship race and was ninth for the season. David Miller was 12th for the season.

The team had its first individual first-place win this year.

John Bennett won the freshman boys 18-mile championship race to put him in first place overall for freshman boys overall in the season.

For freshman and sophomore girls, Chant Realengo came in seventh in the championship race and seventh for the season. El Cerrito also had three other placers in the top 15 for the season: Lindsay Martien (11th), Cassarah Chu (13th) and Liona Miles (15th).

— Information provided by the El Cerrito High School Mountain Biking Club

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sport-fishing said salmon were back on the bite for the Bay Area salmon fleet on Tuesday after a lull over the weekend. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, the New Seeker reported in with limits of salmon up to 22 pounds for their 13 anglers aboard. The charter boats all have been trolling anchovies a few miles off of Pacifica.

Robert Gallia said the salmon bite was red hot Friday in the middle grounds. It was the best single-day result since the restrictions were lifted as 55 limits were caught with a 10-12 pound average. The Berkeley skippers reported having several salmon top 25 pounds. Bad weather moved in Saturday and Sunday, and the windy conditions continued through Monday as the fleet slid down below the Channel buoys towards Pedro Pt. The few boats that were out averaged a fish per rod. On Tuesday, the winds eased up and the Berkeley Fleet ventured around Pedro Pt. Skipper Brian Giles reported great action throughout the day with more than 40 fish caught with limits for the 10 passengers aboard. Giles said the best action was between 30-60 feet, with anchovies on the smaller size. He said the area is loaded with bait and as the weather conditions improve, so should the bite.

Diana Nunez of berkeleyreport-fishing.com said the New Golden Eye with Capt. Trung Vo ventured 6-8 miles outside the Golden Gate on Friday where 14 anglers caught 28 salmon up to 18 pounds. On Saturday, 14 anglers caught 18 salmon up to 15 pounds outside the Channel Duxbury Reef Area. On Sunday, nine anglers caught six king salmon up to 18 pounds fishing N Buoy and on Monday, Trung Vo fished outside the Pacifica area where eight anglers caught 12 king salmon up to 18 pounds.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: Stone said a few large halibut are being caught. On Monday the Dandy reported in with three halibut to 30 pounds and one leopard shark to 23 pounds for their four anglers aboard. They were drifting live anchovies in the Berkeley Flats.

Nunez said on Saturday, the Hali fished the Alameda and Berkeley Flats and caught six halibut up to 17 pounds and three striped bass up to 14 pounds. On Saturday, the Golden Eye 2000 with Capt. Quan Vo explored the South Bay at Hunters Pt. and caught limits of leopard shark up to 10 pounds. On Sunday Vo fished south Alameda area and had limits of leopard shark up to 28 pounds, one 20-pound halibut and one 10-pound striped bass. Tides are expected to get better throughout the weekend.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle reported good sturgeon fishing this week. The early morning outgoing minus tides are favorable, along with the later morning incoming tides. Grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worm were the best baits over the last week. The Mothball Fleet is producing at the bridge, the first row of ships and buoy 6. The only striper reported was by Martinez Bait's own Randy Hedrick, who caught a 24- and 25-inch striper totaling 15 pounds from 12th St. in Benicia on pile worm.

Catching and releasing sturgeon were Trevor Rose of Berkeley (56 inches, 43 pounds) at buoy 4 on pile worm, Tim Gavello of Antioch (67 and 75 inches) at buoy 6 on a grass/ghost shrimp combo and Mike Nunemacher of Concord (52 inches) from the first row of ships (west end) on a grass/ghost shrimp

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



combo as well. He also kept a 54-inch sturgeon. Joey Jacobson of Livermore caught and released 36- and 63-inch sturgeon at buoy 6 and Santiago caught and released two shakers and a 73-inch sturgeon at the Benicia Bridge on a ghost/grass shrimp combo. Charles Jones of Sacramento caught a 50-inch sturgeon at Port Chicago on ghost shrimp.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for wild rainbow trout is good from Redding to Anderson. Anglers are fly fishing using Prince Nymph, Pheasants Tail No. 16 and 18 and Egg patterns. Anglers are also spin fishing using flatfish lures.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot said trout fishing has picked up since the trout derby began as the lake is well stocked with plenty of rain-bows. Trollers are doing well with whoppers pulled out this past week using various lures. The most common lures are Kastmasters (Gold) and Rapalas (Fireglow/Silver and Blue). Bait fishermen are using rainbow PowerBait at Coots Landing, Alder Point and Indian Cove.

Bass action picked up when the weather improved. Throw out plastics at Alder Point or around the island. Also, anywhere you see branches underneath the water is a good spot to fish. Catfish action remains slow.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said the South Cove and Oak Point are the places to try for trout. Fish an inflated worm or PowerBait by itself at either location. Perhaps use a bobber instead of a sliding sinker. But if the wind kicks up, just use the sliding sinker.

Trollers are heading to the South Cove then out along the shoreline. That area, along with the part of the eastern shoreline that faces the marina, seem to be the most effective. Some striper are being caught here, but the majority of them seem to come from the dam. There should be a fair amount of trout action trolling close to home. Vary your depths from the surface down to 10 feet and use Needlefish or Kastmasters. Philip Hook of Concord caught a 7.75-pound striper in front of the marina on a Kastmaster and Robert Curgio of Brentwood caught a 5.37-pound

trout at Oak Point while trolling a Rapala.

There were two 7-pound large-mouth bass caught around the Rock Wall from boats. Both were caught on plastic worms, one in purple, one in blue. Obdine Williams caught a 7.26-pound largemouth in the South Cove on a purple worm.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said those bait fishing for trout have had action near the dam, the main recreation area and at Scow Canyon. The main rec. reports are all coming from shore, and the biggest fish tend to be in the 4-5 pound range. Boaters seem to be doing equally well with their fish being a bit bigger. Power Bait is the way to go for boaters with yellow, chartreuse or rainbow working well. Use an attractant for maximum results. Also use a sliding sinker set-up. If PowerBait isn't your thing, use nightcrawlers plus the attractant. Allen Ames of Vallejo caught a 9.4-pound trout on Power Bait from the main rec. area and Henry Jeung of San Francisco caught a 4-pound, 6-ounce trout at the main rec. area on PowerBait.

Trolling for trout is starting to get better with a 12-pounder caught last week on a Kastmaster. Troll Kastmasters, Rapalas and Needlefish near Scow Canyon and the dam. Flashers can be used as well for some extra help and weight. Trolling near the surface is probably the best place to start, but the weather can effect where the fish will be. On sunny days, fish deeper.

Catfishing is probably best near the Tower from a boat. Use light-weight tackle so the bait drifts naturally. Chicken liver, mackerel or night crawlers plus a catfish specific attractant seem work well.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: The staff at Lake Del Valle said the trout bite has been good after two plants late last month. The largemouth bass are starting to become more active with the water temperature warming up. Fishing is good at the south end, through the narrows and towards the dam. Bill Beinbrech of San Mateo caught two trout (7 and 14 pounds) in the narrows using Power Eggs and Jeff T. Allen caught a 5.5-pound trout on a night crawler past the bridge.

— Compiled by Curtis Pashelka

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	16-4	Entering this week, surging Spartans have won 10 straight games
2.	California	14-3	Grizzlies rebound from 1-0 loss to Amador Valley, beat Dons 3-0
3.	Monte Vista	14-4	Entering this week, Mustangs have won seven games in two weeks
4.	Amador Valley	12-3	1-1 for Dons against California and one win over San Ramon Valley
5.	Clayton Valley	12-5	Three big BVAL wins put Eagles right back in title hunt
T6.	Deer Valley	12-5	Wolverines blanked by Clayton Valley, edge Antioch
T8.	El Cerrito	12-5	Gauchos hand Alameda first ACCAL loss
8.	Campolindo	9-6-1	Streaking Cougars suddenly in thick of things in DFAL
9.	Dublin	13-4-1	Gaels pick up big win over Acalanes, fall to Campolindo
10.	Acalanes	15-4	Dons' loss to Gaels drops them into first-place tie in DFAL entering this week

Also receiving votes: Alameda (14-5), Benicia (15-4). The baseball poll incorporates all East Bay schools. Records are through Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Freedom	17-0	Falcons now No. 1 team in country according to StudentSports.com
2.	Newark Memorial	23-0	Clinches MVAL regular season title with 1-0 win over James Logan
3.	Foothill	14-2	Val Arioto's no-hitter helps Falcons top Cal in nine innings
4.	Monte Vista	13-3	Stephanie Bregante hurled a four-hitter against Livermore
5.	James Logan	19-4	May have another shot at Newark Memorial in MVAL playoffs
6.	California	12-4	Loses heartbreaker to Foothill but holds off Amador Valley twice
7.	Clayton Valley	12-6	Has won five of its last six entering this week
8.	Benicia	12-3	Panthers' 5-4 loss to Fairfield snaps 11-game winning streak
9.	San Ramon Val.	8-5	Wolves in third place in EBAL entering this week after wins over Amador Valley and Concord
10.	Concord	10-3	Shawna Robb threw a one-hitter against Mt. Diablo

Also receiving votes: Berkeley (14-3), Castro Valley (11-5). The softball poll incorporates all East Bay schools. Records are through Saturday.

Gonzalez

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on an even keel. He has everything in perspective. His family is always first. He was the perfect person on the staff. He was always well-grounded, and the kids were always well-grounded. It's sad to see him leave."

Alameda has been Pinole Valley's football coach since 2002. Gonzalez continued teaching at El Cerrito in 1992, where he is ending his career in June. In the past 14 years, he has coached volleyball and soccer for the Gauchos.

All three of his sons attended El Cerrito. He coached all of them in soccer and volleyball, even while he taught some of those years at Kennedy. Kenneth graduated in 1991, David in 1994 and Michael in 2004. Michael is on the men's volleyball team at University of the Pacific.

Fred Gonzalez and his wife, Marilyn, have been married for 33 years.

He has taught almost every subject there is, but enjoys U.S. History and American Government the most.

"I'm terrible at math," he admitted with a laugh.

El Cerrito closed out its regular season Tuesday with a three-game victory over Richmond at Portola Middle School. Since losing to Richmond in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs in 2000, the Gauchos have rallied off 66 straight league wins under Gonzalez.

It's a streak that means a great deal to the program, Gonzalez said.

"It's something I can talk to the kids about, that hard work and teamwork ... all that has to happen to have team success," he said.

Junior Don Miguel Tutass said the team enjoys playing with

each other. That camaraderie keeps the team motivated to continue the streak. He said the main reason why he has such a fun atmosphere is because of Gonzalez.

"I believe what makes an effective coach is the way he treats each player," Tutass said. "He treats every player like he's his son. He's strict and fair. He calls to each athlete. He's friendly environment, but he's a coach." The Gauchos (23-4, 10-2 in CAL) wrapped up their successful league title last week by beating De Anza in a game.

El Cerrito received a matric berth in the North Section Class 1 playoffs start May 16.

Once the school year ends, Gonzalez will no longer be in the classroom as a teacher or sidelines or in the gym coach.

But he'll still be around

Boys

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and El Cerrito's Kellen O'Conner in the 100 breaststroke (1:02.50).

The Yellow Jackets' 200 freestyle relay team of Sean Sheridan, Chris Hoshino-Fish, Marin Balarin and Nikzad won in 1:35.54.

BASEBALL

Piedmont 11, St. Mary's 5: The visiting Highlanders took a 6-2 lead in the third inning and never trailed after that on Tuesday. Noah Ingram and Ade Olanrewaju each drove in two runs for the Panthers (13-6, 7-3 BSAL).

El Cerrito 4, Alameda 0: Mario Hollands hurled a six-hitter as the Gauchos defeated the Hornets 4-0 on Monday to sweep their season series and take control of the ACCAL race. El Cerrito improved to 13-4 overall and 9-1 in ACCAL action.

Berkeley 7, St. Mary's 4: The host Yellow Jackets scored at least one run in each of the first four innings Saturday. Derrick Mitchell was 3-for-3, including a double, with two runs scored and two RBI for the Yellow Jackets

(7-9-1 overall). Berkeley's Brian Guinn and St. Mary's Jordan Wilder also hit doubles in the game.

St. Mary's 16, Salesian 2: Matt Flemmer sparked a five-run first inning with a two-run single and also pitched six innings as the host Panthers beat the Chieftains in a pivotal Bay Shore Athletic League contest on Friday.

Flemmer allowed only one earned run on six hits with nine strikeouts and two walks. Nick Safir, Ade Olanrewaju and Noah Ingram also hit home runs for the Panthers. Safir's home run in the second inning helped the Panthers take a 9-1 lead.

Berkeley 2, Hercules 1: Delency Baker, Greg Lorentzen, Dante Williams and Lucas Fogarty combined on a one-run, four-hit performance to help the Yellow Jackets (5-4 ACCAL) beat the visiting Titans (8-7, 4-5) at San Pablo Park on Saturday.

Baker pitched six innings with eight strikeouts and one walk. He also drove in Berkeley's lone earned run.

El Cerrito 4, Richmond 1: The visiting Gauchos scored all their runs in the first inning Friday.

Doug Murray pitched five innings for the Gauchos, allowing no earned runs and hitting with six strikeouts.

GOLF

NCS South Qualifier: bany's Adam Barkow scored a 3-over 75 at Marina Golf Links in Oakland Monday. The medalist was Vista's Jeff Hamm (88). Vista also won the team title.

VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito 4, Richmond 1: Gauchos defeated the Panthers 25-22, 25-11, 25-14 to complete their sixth straight league title. Michael Hudley and Nick Safir both had seven kills. Gauchos (23-8, 10-4 BSAL).

Berkeley 4, De Anza 0: host Yellow Jackets won 15-11, 15-11, 15-11 over the Dons on May 11. They improved to 6-2 in CAL with the victory.

Staff writers Mike Morrison and Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

Girls

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the Panthers (5-4 BSAL at press time).

Berkeley 14, Hercules 1: Neuhaus fired a three-hitter and Hannah Badal was 3-for-3, including a double and triple, with three runs scored and two RBI on Friday. Neuhaus was 3-for-4

with four runs scored and two RBI, and she also allowed no earned runs and had eight strikeouts in this five-inning game.

Salesian 11, St. Mary's 0: The host Panthers had only three hits against the Chieftains on Friday in this six-inning game. Salesian took a 4-0 lead in the second inning.

Albany 15, Holy Names 0: Sarah Dobjensky fired a two-hit

ter and Joan Cannon scored a triple and a home run, and scored and two RBI. Salesian also added a triple and a home run in this four-inning game.

LACROSSE

Berkeley 9, Concord 0: Yellow Jackets received a bye from Haley Geller and won from Claire O'Shaughnessy in a nonleague victory on Friday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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BASKETBALL

■ **Slam N' Jam** — "Spring League Tournament," May 12-14 at Contra Costa College, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo; Pinole Valley High School, 2900 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole; and Albany High School, 704 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Games will be played by high school rules; three divisions of high school competition. Hotline: 510-222-5916, www.slammjam.org.

■ **Cal Women's Basketball** — "California Girls Basketball Camps," June

3-July 27, Haas Pavilion, Cal campus. Schedule: "Parent/Child Clinic" June 3, grades K-8 boys and girls, \$100 per parent/child pair and \$25 additional child; "Jam Fest" June 4, high school JV, middle school and AAU teams welcome, \$300 per team; "Day Camp I," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 19-22, grades 9-12, \$325 per camper; "Elite Camp," June 30-July 2, grades 9-12, \$400 residents, \$325 commuter; "Day Camp 2," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 10-13, grades 4-12, \$325 per camper; and "Junior Cup Camp," 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 24-27, grades K-6, \$325 per camper. 510-642-9448.

■ **City of Hercules Expanded Horizons Basketball Camps** — Now taking sign-ups for camps running throughout the summer from June through August. One-week camps target coed ages 5-8 and 9-12. \$75 residents; \$80 nonresidents. 510-799-8291, www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

■ **City of Hercules Basketball League** — Now taking sign-ups. League begins June 19, \$86 residents; \$98 nonresidents. 510-799-8291, www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

■ **Piedmont Basketball** — "Summer Camps 2006," 1-4 p.m. June 19-23, \$125/\$145; 1-5 p.m. June 26-29, \$135/\$155; 1-5 p.m. July 17-20, \$135/\$155. "Guard & Big Man Development Camp," 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 5-7, \$150/\$170. Instructors: Chris Lavliotis and Bryan Gardere, along with current college players. Fees are resident/nonresident. Registration: Buzz Redford, Piedmont Recreation Department, 510-420-3074, www.4thquarterathletics.com.

■ **St. Mary's College (Moraga) men's basketball program** — Offering five different sessions of the 2006 summer camp schedule to children, ages 6-14, in the Bay Area. There will also be three

high school team camps for varsity, JV and freshman teams throughout the state. Dates, pricing, signups, brochure: Dan Shell, 925-631-4714.

CHEERLEADING

■ **East Bay Warriors Pop Warner** — Registration is open to boys and girls, ages 5-15. No try-outs; first come, first served. Space is limited. 510-869-4760, www.eastbaywarriors.org.

FOOTBALL

■ **Football Performance Speed Camp 2006** — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 10. For ages 13-18. Registration due by June 1. Call for location. \$95. 510-205-1883.

■ **East Bay Warriors Pop Warner** — Registration is open to boys and girls, ages 5-15. There is a weight requirement. No try-outs; first come, first served. Space is limited. 510-869-4760, www.eastbaywarriors.org.

GOLF

■ **City of Hercules 9-hole golf league** — For those 18 and older. Matches held Wednesdays beginning June 14 at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, Highway 4, Rodeo. Tee times vary between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. 510-799-8291, www.ci.hercules.ca.us.

SOCCER

■ **Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club** — Walk-in registration for players ages 5-18, for the fall 2006 season, 1-4 p.m. May 7, West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth St., Berkeley; also 6-9 p.m. May 3 and 8, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 13, Cornell Elementary School, 920 Talbot Ave., Albany. Prepay on-line through May 13 at www.sportability.com/absc, but turn in application in person. 510-528-4468, absc2register@yahoo.com, or www.abscsoccer.com.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

times for Friday May 12

Media County

Many Twin
3300 Ave. Albany 510-464-5980
The Lost City (R) 1:30, 4:45, 8,
10, 12:30
(PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

MC Bay Street 16 ★
2000 Bay St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) 10:05,
12:40, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:50, 7:05,
8:10, 11,
11:10.

American Dreamz (PG-13) 10:40, 1:15,
10, 12:35, 9:10, 11:40.
American Haunting (PG-13) 10:25,
11:20, 12:30, 1:10, 7:40, 9:55, 12:10.
Goal! The Dream Begins (PG) 11:10,
11:40, 12:20, 10:10.
RV (PG) 10:30, 12:45, 3:10, 5:35,
7:10, 9:10, 10:15.

Shattuck Cinemas ★
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) 1:50, 4:25,
6:50, 9:15.
Brick (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55.
The Celestine Prophecy (PG) 1:30,
3:55, 6:45, 9:10.

Friends With Money (R) 2:30, 5, 7:15,
9:30.
Goal! The Dream Begins (PG) 1:40,
4:20, 7, 9:40.
Inside Man (R) 2, 5, 8.
Kinky Boots (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20,
10.

Lucky Number Slevin (R) 9:50.
The Notorious Bettie Page (R) 1:35,
4:30, 7:25.
Take My Eyes (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:10,
7:10, 9:55.
United 93 (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-1852
Hoot (PG) 12:50, 3, 5:10.
Just My Luck (PG-13) 1, 3:10, 5:20,
7:40, 10.

Art School Confidential (R) 12:40,
1:10, 3:50, 4:20, 7, 10:10, 10:40.
The Promise (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 5,
7:45, 10:30.
Silent Hill (R) 7:20, 10:20.
Stick It (PG-13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40.
V for Vendetta (R) 12:50, 4, 6:50, 9:50.

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107
Art School Confidential (R) 12:15,
2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10.
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12:20,
2:35, 4:45.
Just My Luck (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30,
9:55.

Poseidon (PG-13) 11:45, 12:30, 1:15,
2:15, 3, 4, 4:45, 5:30, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:15,
9:45, 10:30.
Silent Hill (R) 1:45, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30.
Stick It (PG-13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:25,
9:55.
Thank You for Smoking (R) 7:10, 9:40.
United 93 (R) 12:15, 1:30, 2:50, 4:15,
5:25, 7:15, 8, 9:50, 10:35.

Central Costa
1581 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
American Haunting (PG-13) 7:30,
9:45.
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 7,
7:45, 9:50, 10:30.
Poseidon (PG-13) 7:15, 7:40, 9:30,
10:15.
RV (PG) 7:50, 10:10.
The Sentinel (PG-13) 7:20, 10,
10:50.
United 93 (R) 7:10, 9:55.

Renaissance Orinda Theatre ★
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
Akeelah and the Bee (PG) 1:45, 4:15,
6:45.
Friends With Money (R) 9:15.
Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 1, 4, 7,

Reynolds Theatre
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-526-1836
RV (PG-13) 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4,
5:30, 7:45, 9.

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5:30, 7:45, 9.

Notorious Bettie Page (R) 9:45.
United 93 (R) 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4,
5:30, 7:45, 9.

Mont Theatre
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5:30, 7:45, 9.

ences.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C+
"AN AMERICAN HAUNTING": Creepy as it is at times, this super-
natural tale loses much of its fright
potential amid the frenzied visuals
and screeching vocalizations used
to re-create horrors wrought by an
unworldly presence tormenting a
farm family in the early 1800s.
Sissy Spacek, Donald Sutherland
and Rachel Hurd-Wood give strong
performances as the stressed fam-
ily. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense
terror sequences and thematic ma-
terial.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. C+

"THE BEAUTY ACADEMY OF KABUL": Liz Mermin's documen-
tary follows the efforts of Beauty
Without Borders, a mix of Afghan
emigres and altruistic Americans,
who carry the latest hair and
makeup tips to females blazing
trails in ravaged streets with blow-
dryers and styling combs. It's as if
they've enlisted on a mission to be
Oprah for the emerging Afghan
Everygirl. They're equally fatuous
and endearing. — M. Sragow. (Not
rated.) 1 hour, 14 minutes. B+

"THE BENCHWARMERS": David
Spade and Jon Heder are two vir-
ginal nerds whose lifetime of get-
ting picked on is avenged when
they join their pal, Gus (Rob
Schneider), for a three-on-nine
baseball scrimmage against some
Little League bullies. If flatulence,
crotch-kicks, tequila-benders and
nerd revenge are your thing, by all
means, head to a multiplex. — R.
Moore. (PG-13: crude and sugges-
tive humor, and language.) 1 hour,
20 minutes. D

"BRICK": A film noir set mostly in
a Southern California high school
sounds a lot like a "Saturday Night
Live" skit. But first-time director
Rian Johnson makes it sing, pay-
ing reverence to movies of the
past while bringing in a contem-
porary spin. Joseph Gordon-Levitt
("Mysterious Skin") is excellent as
a tough-talking teen out to nab his
ex-girlfriend's killer. The journey
takes him into a suburban world of
drug-dealing, full of freaks and
geeks. Done in a style that boldly
reinvigorates a film genre. — R.
Myers. (R: violence, drug content.)
1 hour, 50 minutes. A-

"FRIENDS WITH MONEY": A

quartet of marvelous actresses —
Frances McDormand, Catherine
Keener, Joan Cusack and Jennifer
Aniston — shine in this wry and
observant comedy-drama about a
group of Southern California
women coping with life, mates and
money ... or the lack of it.
Writer/director Nicole Holofcener
proves yet again how astute she is
at exploring the minds and emo-
tions of complex female charac-
ters. R. Myers. (R: language, some
sexual situations, brief drug use.)
1 hour, 28 minutes. A-

"HARD CANDY": Hayley, a preco-
cious 14-year-old, hooks up via the
Internet with Jeff, a successful 32-
year-old photographer. The girl
ratchets up the tension with in-
creasingly daring intimations, then
quickly turns the tables on Jeff. As
predator becomes prey, this psy-
chological thriller goes terribly
wrong. — K. Crust. (R: disturbing
violent and aberrant sexual con-
tent involving a teen, language.) 1
hour, 43 minutes. C+

"HOOT": Three Florida middle-
schoolers unite to stop a restau-
rant from being built on land
where endangered owls roost.
Adapted from the best-selling Carl
Hiaasen book, this marginally suc-
cessful film entertains and re-
spect its young audience. Too
bad the underdeveloped charac-
ters make it less than involving. —
R. Myers. (PG: mild bullying and
brief language.) 1 hour, 30 min-
utes. C+

"ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN":
Three furry friends — Manny the
mammoth, Sid the sloth and Diego
the saber-toothed tiger — head out
on a journey to find an ark as an
ice dam surrounding their village
threatens to buckle. There are
sound moral lessons for the kid-
dies, and seeing the always enjoy-
able rat/squirrel Scratt chasing af-
ter an elusive acorn is fun. But the
animation is much better than the
screenplay. — R. Myers. (PG:
some mild language and innu-
endo.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C+

"INSIDE MAN": This star-studded
heist drama not only saves direc-
tor Spike Lee from a slumping ca-
reer, but revitalizes the tired genre.
Four robbers, led by Dalton Rus-

sell (Clive Owen) take nearly 50
people hostage at a Manhattan
bank. But nothing is quite as it
seems. Denzel Washington is the
negotiator on the scene. — R. My-
ers. (R: language, some violent
content.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. A-

"LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN": An
overly smug screenplay trips up
this mistaken-identity thriller with
Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman,
Josh Hartnett and Ben Kingsley.
The twists come fast and furious,
but the overly clever dialogue and
anemic performances from Free-
man and Kingsley drag down this
crime thriller about a patsy caught
in the middle of a mob war. Lucy
Liu does brighten things up, al-
most to a blindingly fluorescent
level. — R. Myers. (R: strong vio-
lence, sexuality and language.) 1
hour, 50 minutes. C+

"MI-III": Super agent Ethan Hunt
(Tom Cruise) returns for his most
accomplished big-screen mission
yet, going after a deadly arms
dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman).
This third installment is loaded
with intense action, snappy writing
and great performances. It swirls
out of control near the end, but
that's OK, since what's preceded
is so much fun. — R. Myers. (PG-
13: intense sequences of frenetic
violence and menace, disturbing
images, some sexuality.) 2 hours,
6 minutes. B+

"ONE LAST THING ...": Dylan
(Michael Angarano) is a terminally
ill adolescent who, given a last
wish, asks for a weekend with his
favorite supermodel. The problem
is this film can't decide if it's an
"American Pie"-style romp or a bi-
tersweet coming-of-age drama. It's
funny, but not funny enough. And
the feelings it tries to explore are
dealt with superficially and formula-
ically. — T. Mastrand. (R: drug
use, language, sexual situations.)
1 hour, 33 minutes. B-

"THE PROMISE": This martial arts
fantasy is drop-dead gorgeous.
The director of "Farewell My Con-
cubine" brings to vibrant life this
tragic fable about a loyal slave,
a dishonest general and a woman
who makes a pact with a water
goddess. It's so entertaining that
you almost forgive its glaring tres-

OPENING TODAY

"ART SCHOOL CONFIDENTIAL"
(R)
An art school student takes drastic
measures to woo back his ex-girl-
friend in this dark comedy from
Terry Zwigoff ("Bad Santa").

"DRAWING RESTRAINT 9" (NR)
Singer Bjork sings and acts in this
performance piece from bound-
ary-bending artist Matthew Barney.
Filmed on a Japanese whaling ship.

"GOALI: THE DREAM BEGINS"
(PG)
The first in a family-friendly trilogy
centering on a Mexican-born soccer
player who travels to England to
play there.

"JUST MY LUCK" (PG-13)
A smooch between a successful PR
executive (Lindsay Lohan) and a
bowling alley janitor (Chris Pine)
reverses the luck of both.

"THE LOST CITY" (R)
Andy Garcia directs this epic set in
Cuba that charts that country's tu-
multuous and passionate history.
Dustin Hoffman and Bill Murray co-
star.

"POSEIDON" (PG-13)
Director Wolfgang Peterson ("Das

Boot") helms this remake of the Ir-
win Allen disaster epic about a liner
that turns upside down. Josh Lu-
cas, Kurt Russell and Richard Drey-
fuss star.

"THE SYRIAN BRIDE" (NR)
A bride leaves her family in the Is-
raeli-occupied Golan Heights to
meet and marry a TV star in Syria.

"TAKE MY EYES" (NR)
This award-winning drama from
Spain follows an abused woman re-
turning home once her husband en-
ters therapy.

Coming soon
"OVER THE HEDGE" (G)
Wanda Sykes and Bruce Willis pro-
vide voices for this animated adven-
ture about a woodland bunch baf-
fled by the appearance of a tall,
green "thing." (May 19)
"A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION"
(PG-13)
Robert Altman teams with writer
Garrison Keillor for this film version
of Keillor's beloved radio show. With
Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Tommy
Lee Jones and Lindsay Lohan.
(June 9)

Yaya DaCosta — makes you nearly
forgive the cliches. — R. Myers.
(PG-13: thematic material, lan-
guage, some violence.) 1 hour, 48
minutes. B-

"THANK YOU FOR SMOKING":
Big Tobacco spinmeister Nick Nay-
lor (Aaron Eckhart) is considered a
Picasso in his profession. The per-
suasive Nick is the amoral narra-
tive of this clever, rambunctious
satire that skewers all friends and
neighbors, from D.C. to Holly-
wood. The film hurls its daggers at
politicians, journalists and corpo-
rate America. No one comes out
unscathed, including the viewer. —
R. Myers. (R: language, some sex-
ual content.) 1 hour, 32 minutes.
B+

"TSOTSI": This South African and
Academy Award-winning film is an
inviting character study marked
by acute psychological insight and
exceptional understanding of class
differences. The title character is a
brutal teenage criminal whose life
is redirected after he steals a car
and discovers a 3-month-old baby
in the back seat. — B. Strauss. (R:
violence, children in jeopardy, lan-
guage, substance abuse; in Tsotsi-
Taai with subtitles.) 1 hour, 34 min-
utes. B

"UNITED 93": This grim film is bit-
ter medicine, and that's just how it
should be. In less than two hours,
director Paul Greengrass ("The
Bourne Supremacy") immerses us
in an insider's view of the events
of Sept. 11, 2001. With a relatively
low budget and no big stars, it
chronicles with documentarylike
precision how that day unfolded.
This painful history lesson is im-
portant to see. — R. Myers. (R:
language, some intense se-
quences of terror and violence.) 1
hour, 50 minutes. A

"V FOR VENDETTA": Gutsy. Also
subversive. Those are just two
words that spring to mind watch-
ing this complex futuristic thriller
by the creators of "The Matrix"
movies. Based on a graphic novel
about a masked Renaissance-type
man who enlists the help of a
young woman (Natalie Portman) to
fight a totalitarian government. —
R. Myers. (R: strong violence,
some language.) 2 hours, 13 min-
utes. B+

Bridge Theatre ★
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4893
●Drawing Restraint 9 (Not Rated) 1,
4:15, 7, 9:45.

Castro Theatre ★
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
●The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (Not
Rated) 7, 9.

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-
4893
●Death to Smoochy (R)
●The Lost City (R) 1:30, 5, 8:15.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas ★
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-
4893
●Art School Confidential (R) 12, 2:25,
4:50, 7:30, 10:05.
●Brick (R) 1, 4:20, 7:20, 10.
●Friends With Money (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5,
7:10, 9:30.

●Thank You for Smoking (R) 12:10,
2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50.
●Water (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:40.

Lumiere Theatre ★
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
●Kinky Boots (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15,
9:35.
●The Notorious Bettie Page (R) 2:30, 5,
7:30, 9:45.
●The Promise (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.

Opera Plaza Cinema ★
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
●The Celestine Prophecy (PG) 1:45,
4:15, 7, 9:25.
●Hard Candy (R) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.
●The Syrian Bride (Not Rated) 2:15,
4:45, 7:30, 9:50.
●Take My Eyes (Not Rated) 1:30, 4,
6:45, 9:15.

The Red Vic Theatre ★
1727 Haight St., San Francisco 415-668-3994
●Brokeback Mountain (R) 7, 9:45.

The Roxie Theatre ★
3117 16th St., San Francisco 415-863-
1087
Call theatre for movies and times.

AMC Loews Metreon 15 ★
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
●Akeelah and the Bee (PG) 12:05, 8:35,
11:30.
●An American Haunting (PG-13) 11:20,
1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50.
●Goal! The Dream Begins (PG) 12:30,
3:25, 7:20, 10:25.
●Hoot (PG) 11, 1:25, 3:55, 6:20.
●Inside Man (R) 12:55, 7:10, 10:15.
●Just My Luck (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10,
4:50, 7:35, 10:20.

●Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 11:20,
1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50.
●Poseidon (PG-13) 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:30,
4:25, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:20.
●Scary Movie 4 (PG-13) 7:55, 10:10.
●The Sentinel (PG-13) 11:10, 11:10,
1:40, 1:40, 4:15, 4:15, 7:10, 7:10, 9:45,
9:45.

●Silent Hill (R) 7:20, 10:30.
●Stick It (PG-13) 11:35, 2, 4:35, 7:20,
9:55.
●The Wild (G) 11:45, 1:55.

AMC Van Ness 14 ★
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-
4262
●Akeelah and the Bee (PG) 12:15, 2:40,
5:15.
●An American Haunting (PG-13) 11:55,
2:15, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20.
●Goal! The Dream Begins (PG) 12:05,
2:45, 5:25, 8, 10:40.
●Hoot (PG) 12:20, 2:25, 4:55.
●Inside Man (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25.
●Just My Luck (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35,
5:10, 7:40, 10.

●Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 11,
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10:05, 10:35.
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1:40, 1:40, 4:15, 4:15, 7:10, 7:10, 9:45,
9:45.

●Silent Hill (R) 7:20, 10:30.
●Stick It (PG-13) 11:35, 2, 4:35, 7:20, 9:55.
●United 93 (R) 12:15, 3, 5:30, 8:10,
10:45.

●White Rainbow (Not Rated) 11:05,
1:40, 4:15, 7, 9:45.

Kabuki Cinema ★
1581 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
●An American Haunting (PG-13) 7:30,
9:45.
●Mission: Impossible III (PG-13) 7,
7:45, 9:50, 10:30.
●Poseidon (PG-13) 7:15, 7:40, 9:30,
10:15.
●RV (PG) 7:50, 10:10.
●The Sentinel (PG-13) 7:20, 10,
10:50.
●United 93 (R) 7:10, 9:55.

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We get so many forms of special advertising — email specials, flyers left on our cars, snail mail special cards, etc. that we find it difficult to sort out what is a good deal and what's not. I will give you a few pointers as to how you can determine whether the offers for you or not.

First, read the fine print. Know what you are getting. Many times I have seen special offers that include oil change. However, these offers neglect to state what type of oil or what type of oil filter. Generally, the discounters use the lowest grade of both they have to in order to make a profit. There's no savings if the engine fails due to substandard engine oil with a low grade additive package that didn't lubricate properly. The other main concern that comes to mind is: Who is doing the work? People in general assume a trained professional is working on their car at all times. Wrong! Most times this couldn't be further from the truth. In actuality due to the shortage of people going into the automotive profession, you're likely to have a "trained on the job" individual — which means he learns on your car. Another misconception is that most people think that when they go to the dealership they are getting the best professionally trained technicians. Most dealerships have three skill level technicians; advanced diagnosticians, the "r" and "p" (remove and replace) techs and the lube oil and filter techs. If you are coming in for a special discounted oil change service, guess which guy they are going to put on the job?

Another misconception with oil change coupons is that people think they are getting a service. A service is usually engine oil and filter change, check all other fluids and top off if needed. An exterior light check. Possibly fan belt adjustment. Battery service. Windshield washers serviced. Tire condition checked, tire pressure adjusted and tire rotation if needed. A safety inspection including brakes, radiator, hoses, suspension and exhaust. The technician also does a general inspection looking for leaks, worn wiring and belts. Lastly a road test, which allows a trained professional to see how road worthy your car feels and to listen for any noises that may present a dangerous situation. It is unlikely you will be receiving this type of service when presenting a discount offer. Ask questions, find out exactly what they will be doing for the price, especially if you are trying to keep up with the factory suggested service schedule.

If you take your car in to a general auto repair place or chain like Pep Boys, Sears, Midas etc. where they work on all makes and models of cars, chances are they will not be familiar with your specific vehicle. They also may not be doing the factory recommended services, which will void any manufacturer warranty should you need to exercise it later. These places probably won't know what to look for on

your specific make of car — so many cars have pattern failures that if caught early cost less to repair. So watch out! It's always best to take your car to a specialist — your make and model. They will know how to spot the particular problems on your make and know the services your car manufacturer recommends. You wouldn't go to an eye doctor to look at your heart would you? Besides, the cars today are very advanced; and if an oil changer type of mechanic makes a mistake from a lack of knowledge about your car, it will cost a lot more than the savings you get from using a discount coupon. If you receive a coupon and it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

A trick tire shops like to do is advertise a low price for a name brand tire. This is for the smallest size tire, which probably won't fit on your car. They also don't include mount and balance labor on the advertised price either. Your best bet is to call the tire shop and ask for a quote for your tire size, including mount and balance and recycling fees. You can find the size of your tire by looking at the side wall; it will start with a number between 165 and 215 and continue through a series of numbers and slashes and will end with the wheel size usually 14, 15, 16 or 17.

Most shops are honest. It's a few bad apples that gave the business a bad name. So if you see a coupon or ad and would like to try a new shop, remember you have a lot of ways to check them out. You can read reviews on the internet and consumer advocate sites such as Berkeley Parents Network and car talk.com. There's a publication available called "Bay Area Consumers Checkbook," which independently rates all repair shops and other businesses — this way you can compare the listing against other businesses in your area. Another way is to ask a friend or neighbor with the same make of car where they take their car and what their experiences have been.

Remember coupons are out there for shops to generate new business and to help the customer. So if you receive an interesting offer don't be afraid to use it, just check all the facts first.

We hope this answers some of the questions you have about special offers in the automotive business.

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BICYCLE TRAILS COUNCIL OF THE EAST BAY — Ongoing. The Council sponsors trail work days, Youth Bike Adventure Rides, and Group Rides as well as Mountain Bike Basics classes which cover training and handling skills.

ONGOING EVENTS —

"Weekly Wednesday 'Outer' East Bay Ride," ongoing. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Ride some of the outer East Bay parks each week, such as Wild Cat Canyon, Briones, Mount Diablo, Tilden and Joaquin Miller-Redwood. Meeting place and ride location vary. Reservations required. (510) 888-9757.

Free. (510) 466-5123, www.btcbe.org.

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SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Low Tide Explorations," through May 27. Visit during low tide to meet a crab up close, examine the mud for animal homes and view shorebirds before they leave for the summer. May 6, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.; May 13, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; May 20, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.; May 27, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

"Catch of the Day," through May 28, 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Learn about Bay critters and explore the cove. Sunday.

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ESTATE GROUNDS — ongoing. Self-Guided Grounds Tours are available year around. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booklets and maps of the grounds are available at the Dinkelspiel House. Free.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (510) 615-5555, www.dunsmuir.org.

GREENBELT ALLIANCE OUTINGS — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips.

ALAMEDA COUNTY —

"Self-Guided Urban Outing: Berkeley," Ongoing. This interactive smart growth walking tour of central Berkeley examines some of the exciting projects that help alleviate the housing shortage in the city as well as amenities important to making a livable community. The walk, which includes the GAIA Cultural Center, Allston Oak Court, The Berkeley Bike Station, University Terrace and Strawberry Creek Park, takes between an hour and a half to two hours at a

leisurely pace. Download the itinerary which gives specific directions by entering www.greenbelt.org and clicking on "get involved" and then "urban outings." Drop down and click on Berkeley. Free.

Free unless otherwise noted. (415) 255-3233, www.greenbelt.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SHORELINE — Ongoing. This 1,200-acre park situated near Oakland International Airport offers picnic areas with barbecues and a boat launch ramp. Swimming is not allowed. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Grove, a group of trees surrounding a grassy glade, is at the intersection of Doolittle Drive and Swan Way. The area also includes the 50-acre Arrowhead Marsh (part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network) and a Roger Berry sculpture titled "Duplex Cone," which traces the summer and winter solstice paths of the sun through the sky.

Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Doolittle Drive and Swan Way, Oakland. (510) 562-PARK. Picnic reservations: (510) 636-1684, www.ebayparks.org.

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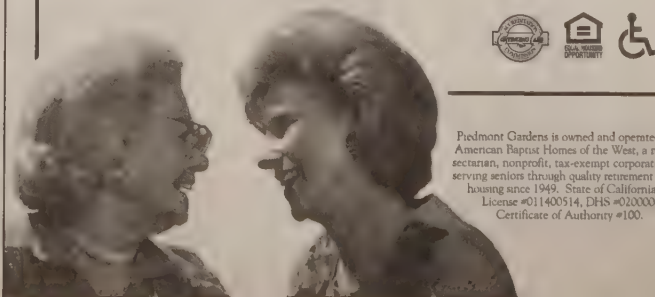
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LINE — Ongoing. A 295-acre shoreline picnic area with a secluded cove and swimming beach, and a hilltop offering panoramic views of the north Bay Area.

Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. 900 Dornan Dr., Richmond. (510) 562-PARK. Picnic Reservations: (510) 636-1684, www.ebparks.org.

OAKLAND ZOO — Ongoing. The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site specific exhibits, which allow them to roam freely. Included are "The African Savanna," with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahal Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant), with giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Pori," Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a savanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit showcasing four million years of human evolution and an actual "foot-path" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has developed for its two sun bears; and Siangam Island, a state-of-the-art, barrier-free area that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat. Also see the Malaysian Fruit Bats from the Lubee Bat Conservancy in Florida that are now roosting in trees at the zoo. In addition there are special exhibits and events monthly.

ONGOING EXHIBITS — "Valley Children's Zoo," ongoing. The three-acre attraction offers a completely interactive experience for both children and adults. The exhibits include lemurs, giant fruit bats, otters, reptiles, insects and more. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Endangered Species," ongoing. An exhibit of photographs about the most endangered animals on the Earth and what can be done to save them. At the Education Center. Open daily during zoo hours. **ONGOING EVENTS** — "Valley Children's Zoo," ongoing. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The three-acre attraction will offer a completely interactive experience for both children and adults. The exhibits include lemurs, giant fruit bats, otters, reptiles, insects and more. Free with regular Zoo admission. "Wildlife Theater," ongoing. Saturday, 11:45 a.m.; Sunday, 1:45 p.m. On Saturday mornings listen to a story and meet a live animal. On Sunday afternoon meet live animals and learn cool facts about them. Meet in the Lobby of the Zoo's Maddy's Center

for Science and Environmental Education. Free with regular Zoo admission. (510) 632-9525, ext. 142.

\$5.50-\$9; free children under age 2; \$5 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland. (510) 632-9525, www.oaklandzoo.org.

POINT PINOLE REGIONAL SHORELINE — Ongoing. The 2,315-acre parkland bordering Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo offers views of Mount Tamalpais, the Marin shoreline and San Pablo Bay. There are trails through meadows and woods, and along the bluffs and beaches of San Pablo Bay. Visitors can hike, ride bikes or take the park's shuttle bus to reach the 1,250-foot fishing pier at Point Pinole.

\$5 per vehicle; \$4 per trailered vehicle; \$2 per dog (guide/service dogs free). Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Giant Highway, Richmond. (510) 562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK — Ongoing. The park's 1,836 acres contain a redwood forest with peaceful groves, as well as other evergreens, chaparral and grasslands. There are picnic sites and grassy play areas, with access for disabled persons and a play structure for children. Redwood Creek, which runs through the park, contains the world-famous rain-bow trout.

\$5 per vehicle; \$4 per trailered vehicle; \$2 per dog; free for guide/service dogs. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7867 Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

REI BERKELEY — A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment.

"Wilderness First Aid Basics," May 16. Certified wilderness EMT David Yacubian shares his expertise on patient, assessment, wound management, shock, altitude illness, heat and cold injuries, sprains, fractures and first aid kits.

"Hands-on Bicycle Clinic," May 21, 10 a.m. Learn how to fix a flat tire. Bring bike and tools.

Events are free and begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140, www.ebparks.org.

ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — Ongoing. East Bay residents have several volcanoes in their backyard. This park contains Round Top, one of the highest peaks in the Oakland Hills.

Free. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. 6800 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. (510) 562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — Ongoing. Within the park's 82 acres are a heated outdoor pool, bathroom, playing fields, picnic areas and hiking and riding trails. Sea captains once took their bearings from a towering redwood tree on Blossom Rock here.

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SHADOW CLIFFS REGIONAL RECREATION AREA — Ongoing. The 296-acre park includes an 80-acre lake and a four-flume waterslide, with picnic grounds and a swimming beach. Water slide fees and hours: (925) 829-6230.

\$6 per vehicle; \$2 per dog except guide and service dogs. May 1 through Labor Day: daily, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; shortened hours for fall and winter. Stanley Boulevard, one mile from downtown, Pleasanton. (510) 562-PARK, www.ebparks.org.

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK — This park is large and contains hiking trails, a golf course, a miniature scaled train to ride, The Brazilian Building and picnic areas.

REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN — Ongoing. Guided decent tours of the gardens, Saturday and Sunday through 2005, 2 p.m. Free. (510) 845-4116, www.nativaplants.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Mother's Day Morning Walk," May 14, 9 a.m.-noon. Celebrate Mother's Day with a five-mile excursion along the Bay Trail.

"Mary Miche on Mother's Day," May 14, 3-4 p.m. Join Mary for a lively and fun-filled concert.

"Bay Area Storytelling Festival," May 20 through May 21, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Five storytellers from across the nation will regale you with stories. For ages 8 and older. At Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area. \$7-\$55.

"Kids Garden Club," May 20, 2-4 p.m. Plant, harvest, build, make crafts, cook and get dirty. For children ages 7 to 12. Registration required. (510) 636-1684.

"Bug Out," May 21, 1:30-3 p.m. Search the Nature Area for creepy critters and make your own to take home. For children ages 6 to 12. \$3. Free unless otherwise noted. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Entrances off Wildcat Canyon Road and Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. (510) 525-2233, www.ebparks.org.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDEN — Ongoing. The garden's 34 acres include displays of thousands of ex-

otic and native plants.

ONGOING EVENTS —

Docent Tours, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour.

Waterwise Gardening Tour, third Thursday and the following Saturday and Sunday of every month, 1:30 p.m. Free.

Sick Plant Clinic, first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. A plant pathologist and his team of experts will diagnose what ails your plant. Free.

SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Spring Rhododendron Tour," May 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Celebrate Mother's Day on a tour emphasizing the culture of the Garden's Rhododendron species, based on the natural habitats of this diverse genus. Reservations required. \$12.

"Urban Bee Gardening," May 21, 10 a.m.-noon. Learn how to encourage bees and other natural pollinators to visit your garden through creating effective and attractive native bee gardens. Registration required. Free.

\$5 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children ages 3 to 18; free on the first Thurs-

day of every month. Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. Botanical Garden, 200 Garden Drive, Berkeley. (510) 845-2000, http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

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ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE —

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" by Charles M. Schulz. June 11. This classical musical based on Charles M. Schulz's

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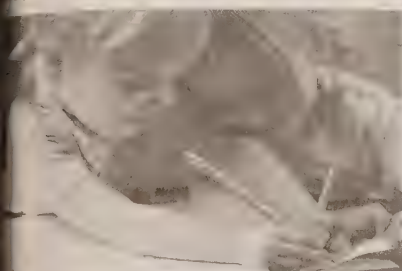
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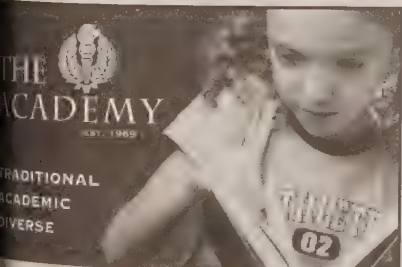
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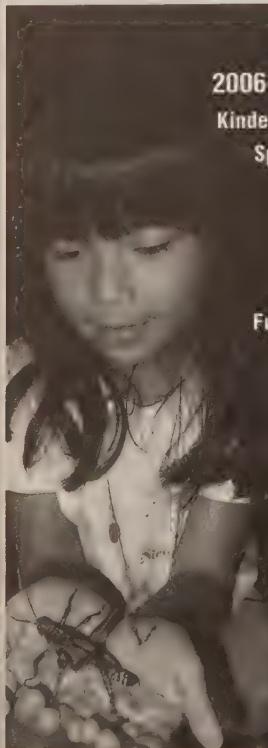
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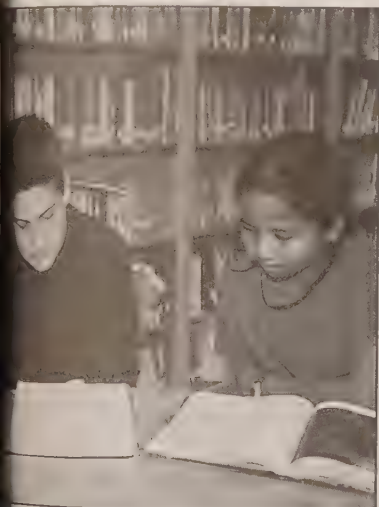
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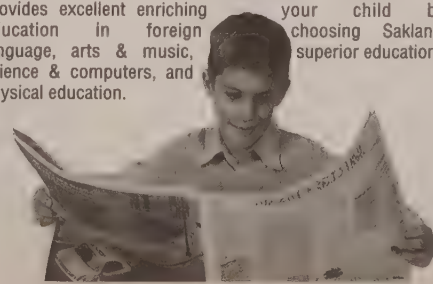
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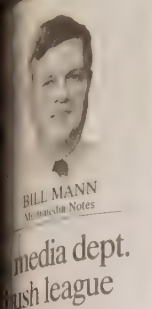


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THE A'S MAY FIELD a roughly competitive baseball team every year, but the media operation is strictly league. It's even more of a professional and marketing operation than all those Raiders' TV blackouts.

Who knows who made the radio deal for the Oakland A's — or the awful TV deal that matter — but it's one of the worst pair of deals ever. What an embarrassment.

The A's need a new media agent far more than they need the radio fiasco. When the A's flagship KFRQ, was sold during the season to a religious broadcaster, the A's not only lost a radio friend, but the one day last spring, when the A's were treated to Christ-mas piped in through the radio. The radio pregame didn't start yet.

I'm sure the station's owners were thrilled about all those beer commercials. The radio pregame times last year I saw in KFRQ at 610 AM to hear there was an A's game, and I got "Onward to the Soldiers" or some other trivia. Did you know John Sullivan, of Gilbert and Sullivan opera fame, "Soldiers"?

The A's may have out-themselves this season by their games on another CBS station, KYCY, at the worst frequency on the radio — THE worst. The signal only played by station out of the dial — ask the radio — but 1550 reaches the South Bay. A Burger King P.A. has more wattage.

Promotion? Forget it. The A's used 1550 as a background for years for nothing but one wants — garbage like Tom and G. Gordon Liddy back when the un-AM station, which CBS owned years ago as a radio deal for an agency, was dubbed "Radio."

"KYCU" (legally also called "Open Radio") where podcast-broadcast business to pass as "program-should have just a microphone on a Speak-It — it would get things. And better programming. Puh-lease. The A's are ashamed.

Don't forget: Where do legal call letters, KYCY, and they're from the early '90s when the little-noticed AM outlet for another radio format, "Young and the FM station." The TV situation is all-able. What few go on broadcast TV on traditionally low-station KICU-TV, (yes, really) "The A's" station where commercials aren't run three-hour blocks, you're running "Tyra Banks," "This Show" or "Cops" Channel 36 could be a giant meteor and I anyone would notice. It's where the A's sit — along with "Texas

adds insult to injury as A's cross-Bay rival, the are on powerful, much-needed network affiliate where where it's especially KICU is KTVU's corporate stepister. Yes, tried by the same — Cox — in the same TV market KRON could deserve a major league sports again. If Channel 4 got and games under its owners, they'd probably a way to produce them like the Toledo Mud-



JOSH LUCAS plays a mysterious gambler who's called into action as leader of a group of survivors on a sinking cruise ship in "Poseidon."

'Poseidon' takes a plunge

■ Lack of character development sinks remake of disaster film

By Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

What makes disaster movies so much fun to watch is trying to figure out which of the B-list actors will bite it and when.

But the hollow "Poseidon" ignores that axiom — the very foundation of all disaster films — and decides to throttle us with action and boring characters.

What results is a loud, empty remake of the 1972 Irwin Allen disaster classic that makes us long to see the late Shelley Winters strip to her knickers and take an ill-fated plunge. No one appearing on the passenger list of director Wolfgang Petersen's excessive flick comes close to matching the kitschy presence of Winters — or even a twinkling and twitchy Red Buttons.

When that "rogue wave" flips over a luxury liner on New Year's Eve, we look at the clock for the wrong reasons. "Poseidon" traps us in an upside-down ship of fools, where the risk of sinking fails to matter because we don't care about the fate of anyone aboard.

Like disaster epics of yesterday, "Poseidon" is chockfull of has-been or wanna-be talent, who run around a lot and demonstrate excellent swimming abilities. Josh Lucas fails once more to impress as the leading man, playing a mysterious gambler who becomes the unofficial leader of this group of survivors. A puffery Kurt Russell acts cranky as a wealthy former firefighter — and New York mayor! (be-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Poseidon"
■ **STARRING:** Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Richard Dreyfuss, Emmy Rossum
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (Intense, prolonged sequences of disaster and peril)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 39 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today in area theaters.
■ **GRADE:** C-
■ **ONLINE:** See the trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com.

cause there are so many of them out there.)

Richard Dreyfuss assumes the Shelley Winters role (sort of), playing a suicidal gay man who's just been given the heave-ho by his London boyfriend. To drown his sorrows, he orders a \$500 bottle of wine for the table. Not a bad table to be sitting at before the ship goes belly up.

Of course, there's gotta be eye candy onboard, and there's an ample supply getting cozy in the disco. Everyone is pretty and slim and hot, hot, hot on this Poseidon. If you've ever taken a cruise, you know this is pure Hollywood fantasy.

Emmy Rossum ("The Phantom of the Opera") and Mike Vogel ("Rumor Has It") are saddled with the misunderstood, passionate lover roles. Her daddy (Russell) wants to keep the two apart like the Red Sea. Both of these actors are required to play their characters in one of two ways: doe-eyed or fright-eyed. A guest spot on the old TV show "Love Boat" would have given them meatier material, and that's

pathetic. Sometimes a serio-comic Dreyfuss summons up the campy spirit of the original. But even when his character has a change of heart about jumping overboard once he gets a flash of that gargantuan wave bearing down on the liner, Petersen plays it too straight. C'mon, guy, loosen it up here.

It doesn't help that someone apparently brought a buzz saw into the editing room, leaving gaping holes instead of helping us understand who these people are. Vague references about how the characters played by Russell and Lucas have known each other are mentioned, then forgotten.

Not all of "Poseidon" is a complete wash. What rescues the bloated action film from sinking faster than a Pamela Anderson sitcom are the intense video gamelike traps the dwindling passengers encounter. Petersen ("Troy," "Perfect Storm") obviously knows his way around a boat, and as he did with "Das Boot," he packs us into tight, claustrophobic spaces.

But that's all he's accomplished: to stage one breathless, pulse-pounding challenge after another, after another, after another. You can get that same charge from watching "Fear Factor."

In the process, the director has allowed no wiggle room for character development, and that — not the action — is what causes "Poseidon" to spring a fatal leak.

Reach Randy Myers at rmymers@ctimes.com or at 925-977-8419.

Obituaries and In Memoriam



Skip Arroyo
Resident of Berkeley

Skip Arroyo, also lovingly known as Rosie, Coy and Hortencia, passed away in her sleep on the morning of May 4, after a short illness. She was a Berkeley resident for over 80 years. Skip had a joy for life and a smile for everyone she met. She was hard working and dedicated to her family. She enjoyed cooking, her rose garden, and collecting elephants.

Her passion for exercise, lead to the Women's Fitness Center at the Central Berkeley YMCA. A proponent of free weight exercise, she headed up the Y's program for 18 years. In retirement, she worked part-time at Zari's Delicatessen in Albany. She was 87 years old. Until February, she volunteered at the Albany Senior Center leading a weekly exercise class.

For the past 28 years she was the primary care giver for her husband Monty, who has battled cancer. She is survived by her son, David, her daughter, Diane, and her husband, of 63 years, Monty.

At her request, there will be no memorial service. Donations in her memory can be made to the Albany Senior Center at 846 Masonic Ave., Albany, CA 94706.

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Florence Dromiack
Resident of Alameda

Florence "Kece" Keeney Dromiack, who was born March 30th, 1941 in Riverside, California died on May 2nd, 2006. She resided in Alameda, California and was 65 years old. Kece graduated from Piedmont High School in 1959. In the winter of 1959, she was an East Bay debutante. She attended the University of Nevada at Reno and married Charles Dromiack in 1960, and later received her Bachelor of Arts degree. For much of her life, she was an active volunteer in the community and in politics. She is survived by her sons Beau Dromiack and Brendan Dromiack, her daughter Maile Amundson, her sister Hetty Edy, her mother Paula Keeney, and her six grandchildren Aaron, Emma, Hannah, Esme Dromiack and Alec and Gigi Amundson.

Kece was a person with amazing grace, personality and care. She had the wonderful ability to connect and bring out the best in the least expecting people. She could make conversation and engage on many levels and had a wonderful appreciation for the adventures of life. Later, her true calling and passion was as a director of social services which allowed her unique abilities to bring light and optimism to many peoples lives. She dedicated herself to the care and support of residents and families of Saint Paul's Tower and Emmanuel Convalescent Hospital. Kece understood that it is optimism, conversation, laughter and compassion that allowed the best of life to be enjoyed. She will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2006, at the Crown Memorial State Beach at Crab Cove, 1252 McKay Avenue, Alameda, California.



Pauline Margaret Curran (Mullarkey)

Died peacefully April 30, 2006, at her home in Piedmont, California surrounded by her family.

Pauline was born and raised in Dublin, Ireland. In 1963 she moved to Heidenheim, Germany where in 1964 she met Tom, her lifelong love and husband of 41 years. They were married November 14, 1964 in Dublin, Ireland and returned to Emeryville and later Piedmont, California to raise their family. An intensely private person, she was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer in March 2002, a particularly shocking diagnosis given that she never smoked a day in her life. She was an active member and contributor to many charitable organizations, including those benefiting the Lincoln Child Center, Oakland Symphony and Children's Hospital Oakland, and an active member of the Piedmont League of Women's Voters. She was passionate about hair and style, an avid reader, and a follower of politics, world events, and entertainment news. She loved to "sit and chat" with her friends and family and will be missed for her advice and counsel and the sound of her beautiful Irish brogue. Throughout the past four years, Pauline lived life to the fullest, traveling the world and cherishing every day with family and her many friends at home and throughout the world. She lived through great adversity with grace, beauty and dignity and is an inspiration to all who knew her. Her passing is a profound loss.

Pauline was the great love of husband Tom Curran; cherished mother of Yvonne Gardner and Michael Curran of Orinda, California; beloved mother-in-law of Scott Gardner and Sara Curran; adored grandmother of Charlotte, Declan, Ryan and Abigail; much-loved sister of Yvonne Evelyn Lee of Castro Valley, California and Alfie Mullarkey of Dublin, Ireland and sisters-in-law Patricia Mullarkey of Dublin, Ireland and Katherine Curran of Richmond, California; and beloved daughter-in-law of Mary Curran of Emeryville, California. She will also be deeply missed by her nephews Robert and Zachary Lee of Castro Valley, California and niece Brownwyn Lee Correa of Vallejo, California and her many other nieces and nephews in Ireland whom she loved. She was preceded in death by her siblings Raymond, Muriel and Patrick Mullarkey, parents Evelyn and Michael Mullarkey and brother-in-law Tony Lee.

A memorial celebrating Pauline's life will held May 20th, at the Claremont Country Club, 5295 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, California 94618. Service will begin at 1pm. In lieu of flowers, please join in the fight against small cell lung cancer by making a donation however big or small to "UC Davis Cancer Center, small cell cancer research". Please note "In Memory of Pauline Curran" and mail to UC Davis Health Science Advancement, Attention Stephanie Bray, Development Officer, 4900 Broadway, Suite 1150, Sacramento, CA 95820.

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WE'RE TALKING ABOUT: "THE HA-HA"



DAVE JOHNSON/STAFF

'Ha-Ha' no laughing matter

■ Times/Hills Book Club finds novel dark, interesting and sometimes perplexing

By Lynn Carey
STAFF WRITER

IT WAS A SMALL but enthusiastic group that met at Mrs. Dalloway's bookstore in Berkeley a few weeks ago to discuss the Times/Hills Book Club's selection "The Ha-Ha," by Dave King.

Almost everyone was affected by the stirring story of the brain-injured Howard, a Vietnam veteran who — 30 years after the war — seems finally to begin emerging from the half-life he'd been living, due in part to his anger at having his speech and ability to read and write taken away from him. The credit goes to a 9-year-old boy, Ryan, the son of Howard's high school girlfriend, Sylvia. When Sylvia goes into rehab for her drug addiction, Ryan moves in with Howard, who still would do anything to help Sylvia. Howard's housemates become more like friends, even family, while Ryan is living with them.

Leslie Norgren of Walnut Creek thought "The Ha-Ha," narrated by Howard, has an interesting point of view. Ultimately, she said, "It's all an illusion. Lots of the good things in Howard's life seem to get taken away. His injury took away his speech. Then his home life is finally to the point where he's looking forward to each day, and Ryan goes back home to his mom. And with Sylvia, he kept thinking they'd get back together. That was his own illusion."

Catherine Kuss of Danville disagreed: "I don't feel strongly

READERS RING IN

"Besides being the title of the book, the ha-ha is a fence within a ditch that allows a viewer from the house to see an unobstructed view of the grounds. It is also a metaphor for Howard's inner struggle. When he mows the lawn, he doesn't see anything but the broad expanse of garden — no fence at all to change the view. Howie enjoys the thrill of imbalance as he rides the mower up the ha-ha and it loses its purchase. This act and the emotions that come with it is Howard's saving grace. He is ripe for change; he just doesn't know it yet."

— Evy Cambridge,
Soquel

"I'm not a fan of sports novels, but the depiction of Ryan and Howie at the Little League practices and games was interesting, exciting, and very real. I became anxious about Ryan's screwing up in his first game and disappointed when Ryan blew it and eventually walked away. Baseball was, I be-

lieve, the hub of this novel. Howie, Robin, the good-natured and nicely drawn Ed were there, and the traumatic blow-up between Howie and Sylvia, which nearly destroyed him, came about because he hadn't picked her up for the all-important game. Sylvia, incidentally, came across as a well-defined and authentic character. I hated her."

— Tom Mader,
Walnut Creek

"This is a good story, made all the better by the ending. There were no miraculous cures and regenerated relationships. Instead, the well-developed camaraderie of Ryan, Laurel and Howard comes back into focus. We can savor the anticipation of all positive future events that this ending entails."

— William Sumner,
Moraga

"A 'ha-ha' is a wall set in a ditch around a garden so as not to hide the view from within."

— Mary McMahon,
Livermore

"Although he had legitimate, severe and lasting physical and emotional scars from being injured in the war, I think it would have helped him, and especially those around him, if he had continued with his recovery program — including using sign language. The real 'ha-ha' would have been if Howard's inability to speak or write was psychological and always just on the brink of getting back to normal — and that Ryan's presence would have somehow unleashed his mind to make that happen."

— Aileen Souveroff,
Walnut Creek

that he thinks they're getting back together."

"That's what kept him going," Norgren said.

Howard eventually realizes he can have a life, Kuss said, but she wondered why he didn't learn sign language.

Danilo Purlia of Danville was less than enthralled, but liked the last parts of the book, where, after Ryan leaves, Howard has a violent attack of temper and beats up a homeless veteran, Timothy.

"The last 60 pages turned dark and interesting, because

you realize Howard wasn't as healthy as you might think. I don't think he ever really got over all the issues he had. When he was briefly institutionalized, they basically said he should think about checking himself back in. Even though he'd had a long history with the illness, it didn't mean he'd come to terms with it."

"I thought he was frustrated on every single page of the book," said Mary McMahon of Livermore. "But I was with him, and I liked him."

"I wondered why he beat up

Timothy," said Pat Taylor of Walnut Creek. "Maybe he was afraid he could be Timothy?"

Taylor felt the turning point for Howard was at the ha-ha — the steep incline — at the convent where he worked. "He was going to end it, he was so frustrated. But he chose life instead."

"I don't know if he chose life," said Purlia. "He accepted life."

Norgren thought Howard made the decision to be cut off from the rest of the world in so many ways. "He didn't continue with his therapy. He didn't learn

sign language. He's of normal intelligence, so one would think sign language would be the next step. He really seems to make efforts to keep himself cut off."

Howard's relationship with Sylvia was discussed. Some felt she used him, knowing he'd always be there for her.

Norgren said, "He always felt like he had to take care of Sylvia."

But Taylor said, "She was the last one still living who knew him before his injury."

Sylvia was a divisive character. Most didn't care for her because of her self-obsession.

"I just wanted to hit Howard over the head and say, 'Don't you get it?'" said Norgren.

Purlia said he felt Howard realized by the end of the book that there was no longer anything of interest for him with Sylvia.

"But he has to maintain a relationship with her because he wants to have a relationship with Ryan," said Norgren. "Just when he can finally get this bad element out of his life, he can't, because of Ryan, who is good for him."

And what about that title? Does it mean more than the hidden ditch in the landscape?

"Isn't a ha-ha not seen, but is very important?" asked McMahon.

"Its purpose is to not spoil the view," said Purlia. "That's what ties in with it all being an illusion. Howard had a lot of dark aspects to his character that he didn't want others to see."

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AUTHOR PROFILE

Vet's tale is keeping King on the move

By Lynn Carey
TIMES STAFF WRITER

IN PALM BEACH, the weather's fine — especially for Dave King. The author is there with all expenses paid. It's one of the perks that goes with writing a novel with the wide appeal that "The Ha-Ha" has.

So, he's staying at the Breakers, where he and his partner of 30 years retire after sunset to the elegant bar for gimlets that "cost the same as our mortgage," he says with a laugh.

That's the way life is right now for King, who at age 49 had his first novel published to wide acclaim. Now 50, he appears to be living a jet-setter's life; after Palm Beach, he jetted to Walnut Creek to attend the 10th Times/Hills Book Club Author Gala.

King has just enough time to return home to Brooklyn to teach a week of English classes at Baruch College. Then he jets off for another leg of his book tour, this time in Cleveland, near the home where he grew up.

All this fanfare goes with the territory now that the paperback — which first came out just about two months ago — is already in its third printing.

The appeal of the book is in the Everyman main character, Howard, who can't speak, read or write, due to a traumatic brain in-



DAVE KING'S first novel seems destined for the big screen.

jury in Vietnam.

On a subconscious level, Howard's character might have to do with King's brother, Hank, who was born severely autistic.

"I try to stress the fact that Howard is not an attempt to give voice to my brother. It's a question of loss; Hank was born with his disability, and Howard acquired his."

Family reading time

King's surviving relatives, his sister and father (the youngest prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials), fought over who got to read the book first when it was published. "Each would call me, telling me how far they were. My sister would say, 'Daddy doesn't like Sylvia, but I can understand

her position."

Sylvia, King says, was one of the hardest parts of writing the book. "In some ways, she's the villain of the piece, but that wouldn't work if she weren't somehow justified. Howard is frustrating to be with."

So, why didn't Howard learn some way to communicate, to make him less exasperating?

"I think he got frustrated. He made some progress early on, and it was thought that he could learn to speak if he really applied himself. And as an author, it wouldn't have served my needs if Howard had been able to communicate."

King says he made Howard's roommate, Laurel, Vietnamese on a whim, though at first he thought it seemed a little heavy-handed and ironic. "But it could happen, and what the heck! With all the characters, everyone was trying to escape a label. Howard, disabled. Sylvia, a drug addict. Ryan was trying to figure out if he was a black kid or a white kid or something in-between. So the idea of having Laurel have a hybrid history — her appearance is Vietnamese, but she talks like a Texan and wears cowboy boots — added to my novel of diversity."

King has another book to crank out in the next year or so, tentatively scheduled to be released on Feb. 14, 2008.

A SAMPLING

Chapter 1

A Woman on the Street

I was sitting in a taxi, wondering if I had overdressed for the evening, when I looked out the window and saw Mom rooting through a Dumpster. It was just after dark. A blustery March wind whipped the steam coming out of the manholes, and people hurried along the sidewalks with their collars turned up. I was stuck in traffic two blocks from the party where I was heading.

Mom stood fifteen feet away. She had tied rags around her shoulders to keep out the spring chill and was picking through the trash while her dog, a black-and-white terrier mix, played at her feet. Mom's gestures were all familiar — the way she tilted her head and thrust out her lower lip when studying items of potential value that she'd hoisted out of the Dumpster, the way her eyes widened with childish glee when she found something she liked. Her long hair was streaked with gray, tangled and matted, and her eyes had sunk deep into their sockets, but still she reminded me of the mom she'd been when I was a kid, swanning off cliffs and painting in the desert and reading Shakespeare aloud. Her cheekbones were still high and strong, but the skin was parched and ruddy from all those winters and summers exposed to the elements.

OUR NEXT BOOK

Break the ...
and like it w ...
'Glass Castle'

By Lynn Carey

DON'T MOURN our reading club was in a mood the other night took home a huge pile of books to give them a "line" test. These were some of my nearest and dearest, but all I could raved about, but all I could test. One was way too early. One was way too bonding-ish. The slipped my mind. I kept thinking back to book that knocked me I wasn't going to choose Times/Hills Book Club it's rapidly rising on New York Times best-seller

But I'm in a rule mood, so let's break the Book Club's rules. I'm going with the amazing "The Glass Castle," by Jeannette Walls (Scribner, 304 pages)

Any book that starts the daughter idly wondering she's overdressed for she's heading to — the ing out the taxi window ing her mother going to Dumpster — has got to be this one doesn't de

It's a quick read, thing, you can't wait happens to this family the two free-spirited whisk their four child town to town (usually dle of the night, a ahead of the law). There of joy in this book, some incredible thing Walls' tale of her life and of two such eccentric told bluntly, yet graceful result is a thoughtful won't soon forget.

Let's all meet to talk at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Bonanza Street Books in Walnut Creek. We enjoy meeting people at every meal. Please make the effort. An added benefit is I'll also announce the next discussion. See you.

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THE GLASS CASTLE
JEANNETTE WALLS

To the people walking probably looked like thousands of homeless in New York City.

It had been months laid eyes on Mom, and she looked up, I was with panic that she'd called out my name someone on the way to some party would gather and Mom would duce herself and my would be ours.

I slid down in the asked the driver to turn and take me home to enue.

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The Cadillac STS rivals the European sport sedans

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Cadillac's move to a new design direction has riveted the attention of luxury performance sedan buyers. The STS brings American craftsmanship to center stage.

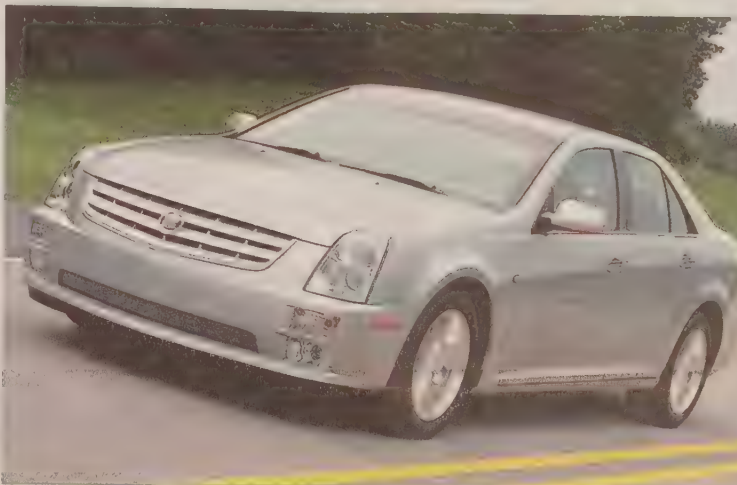
Exterior styling communicates power and masculinity. This performance sedan is luxurious and elegant, but also being stalwart and imposing. The STS is a contemporary Cadillac, characterized by edges and strong angles, such as the stacked headlamps, high beltline, low roofline, mirror, and a raked fast profile.

The STS interior is refined with eucalyptus wood trim, Tuscan leather seats, and Monaco woven fabric on the interior door pillars, as well as natural wood surfaces on the doors and the instrument panel that are smooth to the touch.

The STS tester featured all-wheel drive and a base price of \$41,020, which included loads of top-rate sophistication, such as StabiliTrak, XM satellite radio as standard equipment. The sedan I was tested had \$9,635 in optional equipment plus a \$720 destination charge, for a tested price of \$51,375.

The STS is a luxury item on the options list. The 2006 Cadillac STS V8 Performance Pack included four-wheel performance brakes and a cooling fan. Among the long list of luxury features were heated and cooling front seats, steering wheel, wood trim, Bose state-of-the-art 5.1 surround sound.

The STS has an eight-way power driver's seat. However, I wasn't able to find a comfortable position for command-of-the-road driving. Perhaps a 10-way power seat would have provided the proper support for my stature. I resorted to using the outdoor stadium events seating for a little extra height to see over the edges of the hood line. Once comfortable behind the wheel I felt that the STS's performance handling was



THE CADILLAC STS is a performance sedan that is luxurious and elegant while also being stalwart and imposing. The STS interior, inset, is refined with eucalyptus wood trim.

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KEANE ON WHEELS

The STS clings to its Cadillac roots of delivering a pampering highway ride, while also taking handling cues from its Autobahn-trained European sport sedan competitors by offering a "performance" mode through the Magnetic Ride Control suspension system. One of the engineering developments for the STS was to have harsh road impacts absorbed and dispersed through an improved body structure, the engine mounts, suspension components and ride-tuned tires.

I can report that after a long 130-mile-plus drive along the New Jersey Turnpike from the Delaware River to the Lincoln Tunnel, I arrived in Manhattan fresh, relaxed and ready for long business meetings. There was no driving fatigue imparted to me or my passenger in the STS. Cadillac buyers can select either a V6

CADILLAC STS

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, all-wheel drive, midsize sedan
Suggested Retail	\$41,020
Price As Tested	\$51,375
Engine Type	24-valve DOHC V6 w/SFI
Horsepower	254 @ 6,500 rpm
Torque	252 @ 3,200 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	116 inches
Height	58 inches
Curb Weight	3,660 pounds
Fuel Capacity	18 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 17/25

or V8 STS sedan. The top-of-the-line powerplant is the 4.6-liter V8, which on the rear-wheel drive model delivers 0-to-60 mph performance at an estimated 6 seconds. The 32-valve V8 generates 320 horsepower and 315 pounds-foot of torque.

The 24-valve 3.6-liter V6 engine produces 254 horsepower and 252 pounds-foot of torque. New for 2006 is an all-wheel drive option on the V6 sedan. Both engines are mated to five-speed automatic transmissions.

My midsize AWD tester had EPA fuel economy ratings of 17 miles per gallon city and 25 mpg highway. The V8 is subject to a \$1,000 gas-guzzler tax. The rear-wheel drive V8-equipped STS has a combined city/highway rating of 23 mpg and a combined rating of 22 on the AWD sedan.

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1971 Oldsmobile is big, heavy and very fast

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

In the latter half of the 1950s, most American cars started growing bigger. That phenomenon continued through the 1960s and on into the 1970s. Only the gasoline shortage of 1973 eventually brought downsizing into vogue.

But until then, the bigger-is-better mantra was worshipped. For 1971 the biggest Oldsmobile was offered as a 98 model that came within 2 inches of stretching 19 feet long between the bumpers. For an additional \$275 the buyer could get the upscale model 98 LS. The two-door hardtop version had a base price of \$5,065.

A man in Colorado Springs purchased one such car, which was coddled for the next 33 years. Another Colorado Springs man then purchased the car and kept it until this year when he decided to post it on the Internet. That's where Dwight Wilson initially saw the car. He contacted the owner to verify the condition of the car with 65,700 miles registered on the odometer and, once satisfied with the authenticity, he purchased the Oldsmobile sight unseen on Jan. 6.

The owner agreed to deliver the car to Alexandria, Va., and — to demonstrate how roadworthy it was — he would drive the 1,700 miles from the mountains to the ocean. In January the owner, along with a friend, set off from Colorado Springs. Most of the trip was spent on Interstate 70, a superhighway designed for a supercar like the Oldsmobile. With a 127-inch wheelbase, it was the ideal automobile in which to make such a trip, the 320-horsepower, 455-cubic-inch V8 engine

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easily propelling the 4,548-pound vehicle on 15-inch wheels.

At one point along the journey the elder of the two men joked to the other, "Martin, I think you hit a bump in the road back there but I didn't feel it. Can you go back and hit it again?"

Other than driving through 700 miles of rain, the trip was uneventful until Indiana where the starter motor gave out. A new starter was located and installed, but did not fix the problem. The old starter was re-installed and with a little tinkering it eventually turned the big V8 one more time. The pair drove the remainder of the trip without shutting off the engine. The driving duo and the big Oldsmobile arrived at Wilson's home at 2 a.m. The Oldsmobile was garaged and the thoroughly warm engine was finally shut off.

The adventure was over. Research indicates that 14,876 models like Wilson's were manufactured. The spacious interior is matched by the equally gargantuan 20.5-cubic-foot trunk. Every owner of the Oldsmobile has kept the car in a garage. The second owner told Wilson that sun streaming through the garage windows of the first owner fell across the hindquarters of the Oldsmobile and faded the paint. Instead of trying to match the paint, he had the entire car repainted in its original hue.

The straight-as-a-string chrome strips on each side that make the car look longer than it actually is also protect the sides. The vinyl top was

an optional extra.

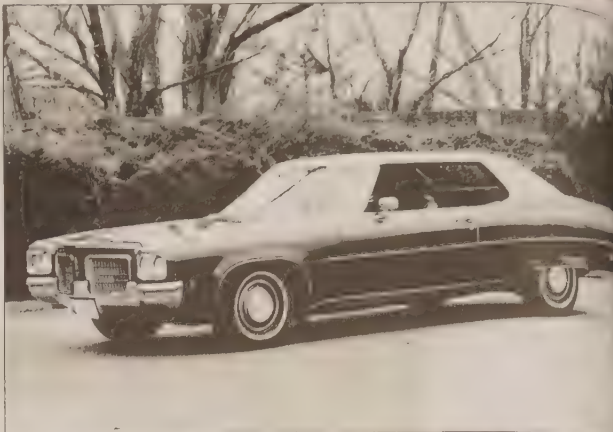
Standard features include power seat, power steering, power windows, interior hood lock, rear fender skirts, remote left mirror, flo-thru ventilation, chrome wheel discs, self-regulating clock, wood-grain dash trim, deluxe steering wheel, power front disc brakes, concealed radio antenna, front-seat center armrest, recessed windshield wipers, cigar lighters front and rear, and chrome-accented foot pedals.

On General Motors' 1971 model-year products, the Flo-Thru ventilation system necessitated the 48 louvers that perforate the trunk lid. The air cleaner, with a decal proclaiming "Oldsmobile Rocket 455," rests atop a four-barrel Rochester Quadrajet carburetor.

"For a car of its size and weight it moves out incredibly fast," Wilson says. He reports the luxurious car cruises best around 70 mph and stops as well as it goes, with front disc brakes and drums in the rear. Oldsmobile stylists must have subscribed to the idea of putting fragile lights in the bumpers; hence the rear bumper houses the two backup lights while the front bumper supports the parking lights.

Now that Wilson has had some time to get acquainted with his beemoth Oldsmobile, he reports that he is impressed by the quality of the car. "It's my land yacht," he says, "and it's solid as a rock."

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view) plus brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.



"IT'S MY LAND YACHT, and it's solid as a rock," says Dwight Wilson about his 1971 Oldsmobile.

The engine fume smell could be slipping past the rubber seal

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Chrysler Lebaron with 82,000 miles. There is a fume smell inside the car when I have the heat on, but no smell with the heat off. — Larry

Dear Larry: The heater and a/c system gets its fresh air from the lower edge of the windshield area. Engine fumes will be sucked into the system. There is supposed to be a rubber seal that keeps out air from under the hood entering the system. Over time this rubber seal deteriorates and in some cases it could be missing. Also, is there oil leakage on the engine and/or on the exhaust? These would be the only causes of a smell as you describe in the heating and a/c system.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1986 Mazda RX-7 with only 79,000

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miles. The problem is no heat. The local shop replaced the thermostat heater core and control panel. What else is left? What are we missing? — Hubert

Dear Hubert: Alldata lists a Technical Service Bulletin No. 056/88. This bulletin refers to Logicon Unit, heater amp control box, and motorized actuators. You also have to make sure the coolant is flowing and up to temperature. Hydrocarbon leaking into the cooling system will restrict water flow with no signs of overheating or coolant in the engine oil. You can subscribe to Alldata online for one year for \$25 for all the information on your RX-7.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2004 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab 4x4. Dur-

ing slippery road conditions when I stop short, there is a grinding sound and a grinding feeling in the brake pedal. I took the vehicle to the dealer for a brake inspection and was told the brake material was about 50 percent worn. I found someone else online who had the same complaint and never resolved it. — Michael

Dear Michael: Some vehicles with metallic or semi-metallic brake material will give a grinding sound under short stops. The grinding feeling will not usually be felt in the brake pedal. The grinding feeling in the brake pedal is usually from the anti-lock brake system actually engaging. Before the next wet weather conditions ask the dealer or local shop to disconnect the anti-lock brake system or show you what to unplug for test purposes only. If the grind-

ing feeling is gone, the feeling is normal from the anti-lock brake system working.

Dear Doctor: I have a problem with the four-wheel drive on my 1994 Chevy Blazer S10. The 4WD indicator light sometimes stays on and the vehicle will not shift into 4WD in high range. I replaced the switch on the dash but I still have the problem. What is my next step? — Ron

Dear Ron: The first step should have been to check for trouble codes in the 4WD system. You should consult with the local transmission or repair shop. If you feel as if you want to attempt the repair yourself, you will need to research the proper diagnostic information. As I've said before, subscribe to Alldata online for any information you want on your vehicle for a year.

Dear Doctor: I'm considering

purchasing either a GMC Envoy 4.2-liter inline six-cylinder or Envoy Denali with the 5.3-liter V8 with displacement on demand. Putting the difference of price aside, which would be the smarter buy? Does either vehicle have faults that deserve consideration? Which would be the better in all-around performance? — Rob

Dear Rob: I drove the 5.3-liter V8 with displacement on demand one week and could not feel when the cylinders cut out or came back on. There is no question the 5.3-liter V8 is more performance-oriented. Take each vehicle out for at least an hour test-drive or go to the local rental shop and rent a vehicle for a day or week.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Pontiac Bonneville with 102,000 miles that would not shift from drive into overdrive. The shop re-

placed the neutral safety switch and throttle position sensor. This corrected the problem. The car now vibrates when it goes to 50 mph. I took the transmission shop and the transmission is fine.

Dear Maria: The first time you operate the car in drive, and see if the car vibrates. A vibration could be the engine secondary breaking down under a load when the transmission is in drive. Spark plugs, ignition wires and plug wires are connectors relating to engine when the transmission is in drive. Go to the local repair shop and let them road-test the car before spending any more money on parts.

Send questions to 3 Court Circle, Lakewood, CO 80226.

Frontal crashes with narrow objects being studied

BY CHERYL JENSEN
MOTOR MATTERS

With one important exception, government statistics show a clear decline in driver deaths in most types of frontal crashes.

The exception? Frontal collisions with narrow objects, such as poles and trees that concentrate the impact to a smaller area.

The reason for the decline in most other types of frontal crashes is that automakers have been designing vehicles to do well in crash tests conducted by the federal government and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which is funded by the insurance industry.

With many vehicles performing so well in those tests, the institute is now turning its attention to other safety issues, such as collisions with narrow objects. Although research

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is in the beginning stages, this move may force automakers to make major changes in how our vehicles are designed.

"The countermeasures that are put into place to deal with the government's frontal crash tests and our offset tests don't seem to be doing as good a job of addressing this issue. And that makes sense since a narrow object crash is a different kind of crash," said Adrian Lund, president of the institute.

In this type of crash, the force of the impact is concentrated on a smaller area than that measured in either the government's or the insurance institute's crash tests. In the government's test the entire

front of a vehicle is crashed into a barrier at 35 mph. In the institute's test only part of the vehicle, on the driver's side, hits a barrier at 40 mph. Because only part of the vehicle absorbs the crash energy, it is a more severe test of the vehicle's structure.

A vehicle with a good front-end structure is designed to crush in a way that absorbs crash energy. The larger the area absorbing the crash energy, the better. It is more likely that the crushing will be limited to the front end, the occupant compartment will remain intact and the restraints will keep passengers from being seriously or fatally injured.

In a crash with a pole, an even smaller area of the vehicle's structure absorbs the crash energy. When a vehicle strikes a narrow ob-

ject such as a pole, the pole intrudes into the vehicle's structure before it hits anything solid enough to slow it down, Lund said.

The first thing that can slow the vehicle down after hitting the pole is the bumper, but most bumpers aren't strong enough to do that, according to Lund.

Instead of the bumper spreading the energy through supporting structures known as the frame rails, the bumper just tears away, Lund said. Once that happens, the frame rails are no longer absorbing crash energy.

If the bumper remained attached to the frame rails, Lund theorizes, the frame of the vehicle would bend as the pole intruded, absorbing some of the crash energy and bringing the vehicle to a stop more slowly.

"It may be we need to make sure the bumpers are very firmly attached to the frame rails," Lund said.

Another issue is whether the subframe that holds up the engine has a role to play, again by diverting some of the energy before the pole hits the engine itself.

"If the pole hits the engine directly before slowing down significantly, that can create very high crash forces as the engine is then pushed into the firewall, a very stiff structure," he said.

This results in a "double whammy," according to Lund. First, the pole and the engine are pushing into the occupant compartment, a major threat to those inside. Second, hitting objects as stiff as the engine and firewall can cause a vehicle to come to an abrupt halt, in-

stead of giving the front to absorb the crash energy.

If the vehicle comes to a sudden stop, the restraint airbags and seat belts work harder to absorb energy and protect the occupants from injury.

Research into this type of crash is in the early stages, which means they have no conclusions. However, they have looked at deployment.

"One of the first things I considered when we saw this risk hadn't come out in real-world crashes was there was some issue with timing," Lund said. "The punches right through the airbag may not seem like it has to deploy. But tested four or five vehicles and we haven't seen an airbag deployment yet. It means it's not out there, haven't seen it."

The Mini — small car, big following

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Four years ago, no one, including many executives of Mini and its parent company, BMW, anticipated how widely successful the Mini would be.

"Four years ago, we thought it would be amazing if we could sell 20,000 Minis at peak in the United States," said Jim McDowell, Mini vice president. "Last year, we sold slightly over 40,000 — and it looks like there's no let-up in demand."

Skyrocketing gas prices are driving buyers to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles like the Mini Cooper. Smaller cars are proliferating and gaining increased acceptance in the U.S.

McDowell attributes Mini's success to a couple of factors uncommon in the auto industry: that people specifically want a Mini, and they want a specific Mini.

"At least half of Mini buyers don't cross-shop any other vehicle. They only want a Mini," said McDowell. "Others go look at other small cars or other performance cars and will come back to Mini."

What's more interesting than cross-shopping patterns, McDowell notes, is

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what customers trade-in on a Mini. "If you look at the top 10 selling vehicles in North America, the top 10 are traded-in. We take in Ford F-150 pickups, large SUVs, Toyota, Honda and Volkswagen models. There's a broad cross-section of vehicles people trade-in."

More than half of the Minis in the production pipeline are specific cars ordered by specific customers, not dealer orders. "In a society where so many people want immediate gratification it's surprising that so many people would specify their car and wait several months for its delivery," McDowell said. "That's why they take such delight when it finally arrives — it's like moving into your custom home."

Further, Mini customers tend to be a good source of future sales. "Many people who bought one Mini, buy a second one," said McDowell. "That's not to say they have two in the garage. Rather, if they bought a hardtop, they then buy a convertible. If they started

with a Cooper, they trade up to a Cooper S."

McDowell predicts a similar trend when Mini introduces the Mini Traveller station wagon within the next three years. A prime example of a potential Traveller buyer is a woman McDowell met in St. Louis. She's a cellist and a current Mini owner. She now hauls her cello in her Cooper but wants to be among the first customers for the Traveller. "She recognizes she won't give up anything, but her life and her cello's life will be much easier," said McDowell.

In consumer clinics, Mini discovered that many people have shopped a Cooper and bought other cars instead because of the Cooper's diminutive dimensions. "The Mini is astonishingly small to many Americans," McDowell acknowledged. "The Traveller is small — taking away the astonishing."

Consumers in the research said that had the Traveller been in the marketplace, they would have considered it more seriously and a decision on which vehicle to buy would have been more difficult, and possibly a different one. That leads McDowell to believe

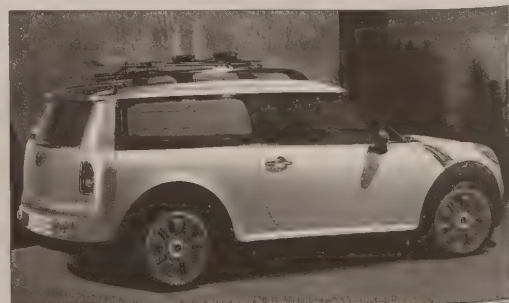
the Traveller will expand Mini's buyer base.

Before the Traveller arrives, however, Mini will replace the Cooper hardtop with an updated version next year. Expect improvements, but not dramatic change, said McDowell.

"When we talk to customers, we find Mini really is an icon. An icon can evolve but shouldn't change too much," he said. "From that perspective, you can be sure with the next-generation hardtop we listened to customers and improved many important things about the car, but it will still be

immediately recognizable as a Mini. We're not throwing out the design and coming up with something new."

Mini has introduced a new version of its Cooper S, with a special John Cooper Works kit, that goes on sale late summer. The limited-edition car will be ushered to market with a cross-country trek of Minis in August, from the Monterey Historic Races, where Mini is the official marque, to the Lime Rock, Conn., historic races, two weeks later. Mini owners are encouraged to participate for two weeks, two days or two hours, said McDowell.



MINI WILL INTRODUCE the Mini Traveller station wagon within the next three years.

RV tire care a high-priority project

JEFF JOHNSTON

RV tires are among its most neglected, misused and abused pieces of equipment. They're also probably the most important items that a driver should take care of on a daily basis. Neglecting them results in unnecessary tire problems.

RVs are rightfully a frequent topic of discussion among RVers. There are some basic facts that can help an RV owner avoid a few frequently discussed problems about their RV's tires. It's fairly easy to eliminate the causes of tire aging, and even danger, with attention to detail. What are a few frequently discussed problems about your RV's tires? Read on to find out.

Proper care: A simple peek at the tire pressure will avoid many problems. Make this part of your regular routine and you'll avoid tire problems. The tires inflated to the proper pressure will mold into the road and you'll avoid the problem of underinflation. As tires heat, they generate heat

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and if it's low on air it flexes and heats up more because the part hitting the pavement is squashed out and distorted. Heat is a common cause of tread or sidewall ply separation, so keep the pressure up and avoid the headaches.

Make frequent visual inspections. Check for cracks or signs of deterioration. Look at the inside sidewall as well. Spot and correct cuts, tears, bubbles or other physical defects before they become serious.

Avoid overloading: As with underinflation, overloading kills tires because it causes more carcass flex which leads to more heat. Each tire is manufactured with its maximum load rating and pressure molded into the sidewall. It might say something like "max load, 3,042 lbs at 65 psi," for example.

Most of today's trailers are pretty well matched to their tires, but it doesn't hurt to verify your trailer's weight on its axles. Add up the tire ratings for the number of tires you have and check that figure against the rig's axle weight.

If the tires are overloaded, reconsider your take-along cargo or look into replacement tires of higher capacity.

Radial or bias ply: The question of using radial tires or bias-ply tires on trailers comes up frequently. Many trailers are sold new with radial tires, and radials work on trailers for the same reasons they work on cars and trucks.

However, you should never mix the two types on one rig. If the trailer has bias ply tires and you need a replacement, you should buy a bias-ply tire. Likewise, always replace a radial with a similar tire.

Tire age: A tire's age also affects how well it's going to perform. Even if a tire has relatively few miles on it, the effects of ozone and aging can cause the tire to fail under even a moderate load.

The tire industry recommends five years as the cutoff point when you replace tires. Beyond that age, you're gambling that the rubber compounds haven't deteriorated to the point that they'll crack, cause tread separations and the like.

If you have tires that are wearing thin, use an inexpensive tread depth gauge to verify how much useable rubber you have left.

Special trailer or light truck: Some trailer tires are sold as "ST" or special trailer tires. The Goodyear Marathon is one such model. ST tires are manufactured with a rubber formula that helps resist aging better than a standard tire at some expense in tread wear. The ability to resist aging is important on a trailer tire that accumulates relatively few miles in comparison to its age.

ST tires also have stiffer sidewalls than other tire types. Look at a trailer's tires in a tight turn, especially when backing up. The sidewalls are pushed dramatically from side to side by the scrubbing action of the parallel axles moving in an arc. The ST tires with their stiffer sidewalls are said to resist possible damage due to that sidewall distortion.

A light truck or "LT" tire can also be used in place of an ST tire, as long as the tire will fit the existing wheel and wheelwell opening and it's rated to carry as much or more weight as the tire it replaces.

Keep an eye on your tires and check pressure regularly. It's one less thing you'll need to worry about as you hit the road this summer.



THE MOST IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE STEP: Check tire pressure regularly, top. Your tire's load-carrying capacity, maximum air pressure and other information is molded into the tire's sidewall, middle. If sidewalls are badly cracked they must be replaced to avoid hazards, bottom.



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The auto industry struggles to 'size up' tastes of Generation Y

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After years of big, small cars are rolling in.

The auto industry hopes to up big numbers with

you ask Generation Y, considered those born in the style looms large — as vehicle size.

ically, the auto industry the assumption that entry-level buyers want says John Wolkonowicz, analyst at forecasting insight. "Usually, this is far from true."

he asks Gen Y what they want, he hears Hummer, Cadillac Escalade and Navigator. Large pickups, shall we say, big with vehicle buyers.

ask 19-year-old Chris Kenosha, Wis. Full-size pickups caught his eye at the Chicago Auto Show. "I have a big truck," he says, "he'd like to buy anything that was offered a diesel engine and a meek generation. you to see them arrive," he said. "A car is like

that small vehicles can be very successful in this market," Brown said. "If it looks good, it's cool. And if it creates some strong emotion, people will be interested. If it doesn't look good, it could be \$10 and it wouldn't matter."

Utilitarian subcompacts such as Chevrolet Aveo, starting at \$9,350 and thus the least expensive car sold in the United States, will draw some young buyers because that is all they can afford. But "When they can afford something else, they'll get out of it as soon as possible," said Brown.

Used cars also figure into the affordability equation. "Used cars are always out there, and they often offer more prestige and value," Wolkonowicz said. "Some young buyers will opt for a high-mileage luxury car instead of a new small car."

"A 7- or 8-year-old BMW 3-Series is still a very appealing car. When you're 17, the idea of maintenance (costs) doesn't enter your head, but a BMW will get more chicks."

Generation Y includes nearly 75 million Americans, about the same size as the baby boom generation. Gen Y is a new challenge for the auto industry, which has catered to boomers for 40 years.

The industry is largely run by the boomers, too, who may not be in touch with the younger audience.

Besides, Gen Y may want attitude now, but it doesn't know what it wants to drive in the future. And it takes at least three to five years to turn an idea into a production vehicle. By then, the fancy could have passed.

That's not unusual. "No customer group really does. They know what they want today but not tomorrow," said Wolkonowicz, a former product planner for Ford and General Motors.

Because shape doesn't seem to matter to Gen Y, carmakers have trotted out hatchbacks, a favorite of the boomers. "It doesn't really matter what the body style is if it doesn't look good and stand out," he said.

Brown calls the Versa "relatively

boring" and thinks Nissan should have brought a car called the Cube to the United States instead. Styled like the xB, the box-shaped Cube is not expected here until 2009 or so.

He gives the Yaris hatchback better marks for its styling, saying it is "very European in its execution," but he says the Toyota brand's association with the best-selling and decidedly middle-aged Camry won't help it.

Wolkonowicz is even harsher. He says Yaris will appeal to the same group as the Echo: "retirees in Florida on fixed incomes." He sees attitude in the Versa, but not quite "the snarl it needs. It's a little too tame." He casts another vote for the Cube.

Wolkonowicz credits Honda with transforming the Fit "into a tough little road warrior" for the U.S. by adding exterior cladding, sporty wheels and larger tires.

Both analysts turn thumbs down on Aveo's appeal with Gen Y, but Brown likes the Dodge Caliber, a sporty "crossover" that went on sale this year. Dodge also unveiled the Hometown, a concept hatchback, at the Geneva Motor Show as a possible global small car.

Ford has yet to announce a car to fit below the compact Focus in size and price, but Wolkonowicz says two are in the works. One will be an aggressively styled hatchback, code-name BV409, and the other an imposing vehicle with styling cues from the 1966 Ford Bronco, code-name BV410.

The Bronco is due in the 2009 model year, and Wolkonowicz sees a rugged vehicle like the Jeep Wrangler.

Brown expects that initially all the models aimed at Gen Y will be priced less than \$20,000, to match their budgets. But he notes that this group has expensive tastes and will move up as soon as possible.

"Ultimately, Generation Y will put boomers to shame as far as spending money. They have big plans for themselves in the future," he said.



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Fuel-economy standards come under fresh scrutiny

BY SUDEEP REDDY
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

WASHINGTON — Political upheaval over rising gas prices is pushing Congress toward what once seemed like untouchable ground: forcing automakers to raise fuel-economy standards across the board.

Mandating stricter government requirements on passenger cars has been considered unlikely, as politically unpalatable as drilling in the Alaskan wilderness or resurrecting a windfall profits tax on oil companies.

But consumer uproar over energy prices, and a backlash over short-term proposals such as the failed \$100 gasoline rebate, has sparked one of the biggest debates on fuel-economy standards since

The battle isn't breaking down only along party lines.

Some Republican lawmakers pushing the cause of energy independence are taking on GOP colleagues skittish about interfering with market forces.

After a decade of defeats on the issue, many Democrats say they want to slash fuel demand dramatically — just as the original standards put in place in 1975 helped reduce energy consumption.

They're facing opposition from fellow Democrats from auto-producing states who fear the loss of more jobs if additional government mandates are imposed on the struggling industry.

The debate is also resurrecting a long-running dispute over whether federal vehicle-efficiency require-

ments cause automakers to release

cars that aren't as safe as they could be.

A widespread increase in fuel-economy standards still faces considerable opposition. Congressional Republicans and the Bush administration are moving toward modest changes in the requirements for passenger cars, while underscoring their concern over proposals for major across-the-board increases.

The Senate Commerce Committee will hold hearings Tuesday on the administration's request.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee, which held hearings last week, plans to move legislation on Wednesday giving the Transportation Department authority over revamping CAFE standards.

Last week, meanwhile, 10 states sued the federal government say-

ing the new standards for light

trucks and SUVs are too weak. Congressional proponents of more stringent standards have introduced legislation to help automakers such as Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. cope with health care costs, offer loan guarantees and encourage development of alternative vehicle technologies.

The Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards trace their roots to the period after the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo. Lawmakers debated either raising gasoline taxes to discourage consumption or mandating higher vehicle efficiency to lower gasoline demand.

They chose the latter. The original CAFE standards called for doubling the efficiency of an automaker's fleet to 27.5 miles per gallon over the course of a decade. The requirement for cars hasn't been changed since 1985.

Today, congressional opponents of the CAFE system want to let the market determine which cars hit the road.

Others, such as Democratic Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, say they're concerned about doing anything that could hurt struggling U.S. automakers and cost tens of thousands of American jobs.

At a hearing last week, Rep. Joe Barton, a Texas Republican and chairman of the House committee handling the legislation, invoked the GM assembly plant in Arlington, and its 2,000 direct employees, in voicing his concerns about fuel-economy mandates.

"The last thing we want to do is take another hit on a U.S. manufacturing capability," said Barton, who represents parts of Arlington.

"We want to increase CAFE if at all possible, and if we can do it in a way that saves gasoline, I'm all for that," he said. "We don't want, in doing that, to drive the... automobile industry out of business."

The Bush administration has

voiced its interest in raising the federal standards, albeit with modest changes, and wants authority from Congress to revamp the system for passenger cars.

Over the last year, after a long rule-making process, the administration restructured the system for trucks and SUVs to require increases based on vehicle size.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta told lawmakers that the administration would need to study the car standards for at least a year, and any changes wouldn't take effect until the end of the decade.

Proponents of more widespread changes say the administration's request for additional regulatory authority will bring weak results.

"We will get a long rule-making process that produces tepid results," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y.

Boehlert, who is retiring this year, has been pushing legislation with numerous Democrats to raise fuel-economy standards to 33 miles per gallon by 2015.

Safety remains a key point of contention in the fuel-efficiency debate.

A 1993 study by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that the government's fuel-economy standards contributed to between 1,300 and 2,600 annual fatalities.

"The people who push for more stringent standards practically never acknowledge it's going to come at more cost in lives," said Sam Kazman, general counsel of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a think tank advocating less regulation.

Other studies have disputed that point. And even the National Academy of Sciences report concluded that fuel economy could be increased with no impact on safety by using technology affecting a car's engine, aerodynamics and tires without changing the vehicle's size or weight.

"For the average consumer, you've got perception that must be better," said Kazman, research director for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Program at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Higher fuel-economy standards, he said, are not the science of the matter.

Safety depends on how cars are designed and sized, Friedman said. Federal data, he said, shows a Volkswagen Jetta has a lower fatality rate than a Chevy Tahoe SUV. Camry is safer than Suburban, Ford Explorer than Grand Cherokee.

"A lot of technology is being used across the board by automakers, despite the fact that Friedman. With current rules, the fuel-economy of new cars increases to at least 40 miles per gallon, he said.

Higher fuel-economy standards, he said, are not the science of the matter.

Markets will work out options, and consumers have many options," Friedman said. "The market isn't working. We've seen over the last 10 years that government intervention hurt consumers."

Automakers will have to compete with foreign automakers introducing fuel-efficient cars, said Kazman of the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

The government does offer incentives for buying hybrid cars and shouldn't launch programs to protect automakers' profits.

"With oil price trends, all the incentives you have technology," Kazman said. "You need to see what corporate welfare is."

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1149 Hearst Av - \$589,000
2441 McKinley - \$850,000
1236 Neilson St - \$655,000
2121 Oregon St - \$688,000
1286 Oxford St - \$845,000
1403 Parker St - \$585,000
2207 Russell St - \$565,000
597 San Luis Rd - \$1,030,000
833 San Luis Rd - \$1,401,000
677 Spruce St - \$1,257,000
1801 University 202 - \$410,000
1540 Visalia Av - \$925,000
2325 Webster St - \$900,000

EL CERRITO

8633 Don Carol - \$1,135,000
1922 Ganges Av - \$930,000
733 Kearney St - \$380,000
719 Midcrest Wy - \$781,000
845 Pomona Av - \$555,000
1315 Rifle Range - \$1,125,000

EL SOBRANTE

731 La Paloma Rd - \$530,000

EMERYVILLE

1121 40th St 3401 - \$363,000
1007 41st St 112 - \$395,000
1043 47th St - \$870,000
6363 Christie 826 - \$698,000
4 Commodore D438 - \$365,000

KENSINGTON

214 Yale Av - \$825,000

OAKLAND

1417 100th Av - \$245,000
1026 105th Av - \$430,000
946 107th Av - \$448,000
846 35th Av - \$460,000
928 37th Av - \$560,000
934 39th Av - \$593,000
434 41st St - \$910,000
928 54th St - \$350,000
3000 55th Av - \$559,000
592 55th St - \$376,000
1906 57th Av - \$460,000
1452 65th Av - \$450,000
1441 68th Av - \$380,000
1451 79th Av - \$375,000
2004 80th Av - \$495,000
2474 82nd Av - \$520,000
1311 83rd Av - \$450,000
1958 83rd Av - \$433,000
1810 96th Av - \$360,000
2716 Abbey St - \$330,000
9327 B St - \$495,000
5351 Belgrave 1 - \$405,000
9915 Bernhardt Dr - \$588,000
3461 Boston Av - \$410,000
5416 Broadway #3 - \$593,000
5938 Bromley Av - \$438,000
3121 Brookdale Av - \$541,000
4301 Brookdale Av - \$480,000
5812 Buena Vista - \$1,220,000
257 Cairo Rd - \$200,000
280 Caldecott 318 - \$580,000
2630 Carlsbrook - \$880,000
2326 Coloma St - \$535,000
6030 Colton Bl - \$855,000
5138 Congress Av - \$551,000
4627 Dolores Av - \$749,000
488 Douglas Av - \$609,000
425 East 11th 10 - \$529,000
425 East 11th 18 - \$479,000
425 East 11th 8 - \$532,000
425 East 11th 9 - \$549,000
2121 East 29th St - \$549,500
1444 East 31st St - \$505,000
1163 El Centro - \$650,000
9211 Emplre Rd - \$415,000
3335 Florida St - \$725,000

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10400 Foothill Bl - \$417,000
5850 Fremont St - \$745,000
3039 Glascok 214 - \$516,000
3382 Guido St - \$720,000
6169 Harwood - \$2,085,000
7914 Hillside St - \$360,000
4101 Howe 110 - \$469,000
5842 Kingsley Cr - \$347,000
7420 Lance Av - \$387,500
505 Lancaster 1 - \$517,000
1427 Linden St - \$715,000
10919 Lochard St - \$810,000
3989 Lyman Rd - \$940,000
6280 MacArthur - \$705,000
3808 Marion Av - \$235,000
295 Mather St - \$849,000
5910 McAndrew - \$1,050,000
7930 Michigan - \$824,000
4000 Midvale Av - \$780,000
2724 Monticello Av - \$536,500
4236 Mountain View - \$824,000
7823 Ney Av - \$530,000
5849 Ocean View - \$1,500,000
18 Osborne Ct - \$860,000
10869 Packard 160 - \$391,500
155 Pearl St 105 - \$313,000
850 Perla St - \$450,000
16 Peroly Ct - \$735,000
10320 Pippin St - \$329,000
867 Portal Av - \$1,275,000
617 Prospect Av - \$969,000
4649 Redding St - \$437,000
6202 Ridgmont - \$1,075,000
3170 Robinson - \$1,085,000
10816 Rugby Ct - \$720,000
2035 Rutherford - \$525,000
332 Santa Clara - \$761,000
4115 Santa Rita St - \$435,000
2400 Scout Rd - \$1,380,000
3432 Storer Av - \$455,000
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657 11th St - \$417,000
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3527 Cerrito Av - \$459,000
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3324 Florida Av - \$390,000
616 Florida Av - \$352,000
2207 Garvin Av - \$335,000
5028 Garvin Av - \$510,000
5536 Garvin Av - \$248,000
5620 Haskin Ct - \$760,500
934 Humboldt St - \$460,000
945 Humboldt St - \$365,000
2863 Humphrey Av - \$445,000
6342 Kensington Av - \$600,000
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3321 Park Ridge Dr - \$994,000
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1400 Pinnacle 405 - \$682,500
4906 Plaza Wy - \$555,000
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428 South 16th St - \$419,000
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127 South 23rd St - \$375,000
216 South 3rd St - \$825,000
412 South 50th St - \$319,000
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5405 Stony Ct - \$603,000
435 W. Richmond - \$531,000
616 Western Dr - \$710,000
4613 Woodlark Ct - \$800,000
821 Wilson Av - \$490,000
615 Yuba St - \$679,000

SAN LEANDRO

1202 Alder Creek - \$705,000
902 Alice Av - \$560,000
392 Alvarado St - \$795,000
1235 Ardmore Dr - \$689,000
14675 Aurelia Wy - \$680,000
14746 Bancroft - \$600,000
738 Bridge Rd - \$685,000
1400 Carpenter St - \$418,000
2473 Cheshire Ct - \$565,000
1805 Clarke St - \$565,000
189 Durant Av - \$615,000
15673 Elko Ct - \$680,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$236,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,200,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$828,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$931,385

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$715,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$532,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST PRICE: \$405,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,401,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$695,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$810,952

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$380,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,135,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$930,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$817,667

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$530,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$363,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$870,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$395,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$538,200

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$825,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 94
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,085,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$535,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$620,473

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$879,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,510,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,194,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45
LOWEST PRICE: \$130,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$994,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$465,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$498,844

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22
LOWEST PRICE: \$418,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$795,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$600,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$607,500

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$386,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$530,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$499,125

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BY WARREN BROWN
PHOTOGRAPH BY J. ROBERT COOPER

EVINGTON, Ky. Frances Wood is in charge of production department for the Valvoline division of Ashland Inc., headquartered in Kentucky. That makes her a rarity. "I love to make motor oils, and I am other uncans that keep cars and wheels turning on the contaminated tracks of auto and motorcycle racing. It also makes Ewing and Car Brite automotive maintenance and restoration products antifreeze, Pyrol auto chemicals and several other maintenance items popular in the world of cars and trucks. In the oil patch, the second woman to work in the industry is in chemistry.

ical engineering from Penn State University, had a hand in developing most of those products.

She's a tribologist. Tribology is a slippery business. And Lockwood, internationally recognized for her work, has an uncanny knack for greasing the gears.

"I didn't know biology had anything to do with lubricating cars," I said, opening my mouth before fully grasping the meaning of her academic discipline.

Lockwood smiled.

"It's 'tribology,'" she said.

"Oh," I said, thinking she was referring to a biology course that could be studied three ways. Tribology, it turns out, has more to do with physics than biology. It's

the study of the design, friction, wear and lubrication of interacting surfaces, such as the contact points of gears in an engine.

Lockwood has more than 25 years of research and development experience in the field — with assignments in the oil, automotive and metalworking industries.

"How'd you get interested in something like that?" I asked.

She smiled again.

"I was a little odd," Lockwood said. She thought a moment. "I guess I'm still odd. But this stuff fascinates me."

"This stuff?" comes down to the notion, for example, that all motor oils are not created equal. Put another way, motor oil is not as

crude as you might think. It's pretty sophisticated stuff, containing numerous additives in various amounts and combinations for the essential task of keeping metal from touching metal.

Oil and other lubricants form a thin, friction-reducing layer between metal contact points. Without that layer, the points would rub. Rubbing yields friction. Friction yields heat. Too much friction in heat yields warped metal and catastrophic mechanical breakdowns.

Lockwood and her team of scientists and chemists spend most of their working lives here at Valvoline's New Product Development Laboratory trying to figure out how to keep friction-generated mechanical catastrophe at bay. They study old cars and junked engines and transmissions. They look at new vehicles, of course. But, more often than not, they will use a

I wanted to see firsthand what goes into making a 10W-30 motor oil, a standard engine lubricant for cars and trucks. Lockwood's people allowed me to be a tribologist for a day. I made a superbatch — heavy on seal conditioners to protect valve seals, heavy on detergents to help keep the engine clean, heavy on antioxidants to help reduce engine deposits and oil breakdown, heavy on friction modifiers to help reduce engine friction. I then

horsepower. Whoa! Warren's Super Slick looked like great stuff.

But Dan Dotson, the man in charge of the research lab, was not impressed. Additives cost money. The more a company puts in, the more it has to spend.

Valvoline, in the lubricant business for 140 years, has a racing-born reputation for exceeding customers' expectations. But Dotson assured me that the overloaded additives in Warren's Super Slick could grease the skids for corporate bankruptcy.

"What you put together is so expensive, no one would make it because no consumer could afford to buy it," Dotson said. In short, my mix left the company no chance for recouping its investment, which is not exactly the best way to run a business.

But what else can you expect from a guy who did not know the

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AN AUTO EXPRESS NEWS

are getting to be expensive these days, with most new sedans costing more than I paid for two or three houses. In fact, the average new-vehicle transaction price last year was \$25,000.

Used stock is quite prevalent in the auto industry these days, so I really don't have to spend the average price of \$26,000 for a fun and cool new car.

There are vehicles out there that are affordable, and they're not tucked-down econoboxes. The editors of the Kelley Blue Book new- and used-car price guide online site, kbb.com, have listed their list of "Top 10 Affordable New Vehicles" for less than \$18,000.

My selections are:

My new 2007 Yaris,
list price, actual transaction price available.

A vehicle went on sale last week as the new entry-level car in Toyota's lineup, replacing the Echo.

Available in four-door sedan or three-door hatchback version, the Yaris is powered by a four-cylinder, 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine and comes with a manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

The sedan is 19 inches longer

than the hatchback and very roomy.

The big advantage of the Yaris besides its entry-level price is its fuel economy. Both models will get up to 34 miles per gallon in the city and 40 on the highway with the manual transmission and 34 city/39 highway with the automatic.

The 2006 Scion xB,
\$15,370 list — \$15,524 average transaction.

I love these boxy little wagons, as odd-looking as they are, and I'm not alone. Scion dealers have a hard time keeping them in stock because they're selling so quickly.

One of the first products of Toyota's new youth-oriented Scion brand, the xB has been a surprise to Toyota because of its appeal to consumers of all ages.

It's a great alternative to bigger SUVs, and it has rear leg room that is better than you'll find in a Lincoln Town Car.

It uses the same 1.5-liter engine found in the Yaris, which gives it adequate power for its size and light weight. It's so cool-looking that it turns heads wherever it goes.

The all-new 2007 Dodge Caliber
\$15,995 list — \$15,995 transaction.

Having just arrived on the market, this is one of the coolest little cars I've ever seen.

A compact wagon Chrysler in-

sists on calling a hatchback, the Caliber is cool enough to appeal to people of all ages, although it's aimed at 20-somethings.

It replaces the Neon in the Dodge lineup.

The base engine is a 1.8-liter four-cylinder that cranks out 148 horsepower.

A five-speed manual is standard; a continuously variable automatic, or CVT, is optional.

The 2006 Kia Sportage

\$16,490 list — \$16,134 transaction.

The second generation of Kia's compact SUV arrived for 2005 and is a sibling of the slightly more expensive Hyundai Tucson. It's a crossover model based on the platform of the Hyundai Elantra compact sedan.

The base two-wheel-drive Sportage LX comes with a five-speed manual gearbox and the same 140-horsepower four-cylinder engine.

All-wheel-drive models of the Sportage with four-cylinder engine and manual transmission start at just under \$18,000.

Base models come with air conditioning, power windows/mirrors/door locks, roof rack, AM/FM/compact disc stereo and rear privacy glass.

Chevrolet's new 2006 HHR

\$16,890 list — \$16,472 transaction.

Introduced last summer, this is Chevy's answer to the Chrysler P

Cruiser. The HHR's design originated from the 1949 Chevrolet Suburban, though, not the PT, GM says.

With its 23 miles per gallon in the city and 30 on the highway, the HHR offers about 60 percent better fuel economy than the average midsize SUV. The base engine is a 2.2-liter four-cylinder rated at 143 horsepower.

Standard on all models is a five-speed manual gearbox; for \$1,000 more, a four-speed automatic is available on any model.

All HHRs come with air conditioning, power windows/mirrors/door locks with remote keyless entry, 16-inch wheels and a six-speaker AM/FM/CD stereo.

The 2006 Ford Fusion

\$17,795 list — 17,084 transaction.

One of Ford's two replacements for the long-running Taurus, this new sedan is based on the chassis of the truly cool Mazda 6 midsize sedan, but comes with a lower price. Styling is really cool, and this car is fun to drive.

The base model gets a 2.3-liter, double-overhead-cam, four-cylinder rated at 160 horsepower and 150 foot-pounds of torque. It's connected to a five-speed manual gearbox, and a five-speed automatic transmission is optional.

This engine and the manual transmission give the Fusion highway fuel economy of 31 miles per gallon. Ford says,

The 2006 Nissan Frontier King Cab pickup
\$17,530 list — 17,179 transaction.

This is Nissan's Tennessee-built compact pickup with an extended cab and a base 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine.

Even at this price, the Frontier is comfortably equipped, and it offers a truly versatile vehicle at a quite affordable price.

The 2006 Mazda 3
\$18,175 list — 17,646 transaction.

Driving the Mazda 3 is almost like having a sports car, not a practical, cheap-to-operate everyday vehicle. Available in sedan and hatchback models, the 3 has a high roofline to give it a roomy interior suitable for up to five adults. The base engine is a 2.0-liter inline four-cylinder engine rated at 148 horsepower.

Transmissions offered are a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic.

These cars are well-equipped even at the base price.

The 2006 Honda Civic
\$17,860 list — \$17,860 transaction.

These vehicles have been popular over the years mostly because of their economy of operation, practicality and remarkable reliability.

All those attributes are still included in the redesigned Civic for 2006, but the styling has been

kicked up a notch or two.

The 2006 Scion tC

\$17,640 list — \$17,960 transaction.

The third entry in the Scion line, added for 2005, this is a sport coupe that essentially replaced the Celica in the Toyota lineup.

The car has a 106.3-inch wheelbase and is actually a three-door hatchback, like the Celica, rather than a true coupe, which would have a standard trunk instead of a rear hatch.

One of the coolest features is the standard panorama power moon roof, a first in this entry-level compact coupe segment.

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Driving vegetarian

BY KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Patrick Mulligan seldom eats fries but he's glad they are popular with other people. That goes for tacos and tortillas, too.

The more vegetable oil is made and used, the more fuel there is for the car he drives daily.

"If I can find a tortilla manufacturer, I've found gold," he says, laughing and patting the vegetable oil-powered car he's owned since late last summer.

Mulligan, 26, loves to slide into his 2003 black Volkswagen Jetta and start the diesel engine. Once it warms up, he flips a special switch to let clean soy oil take over the engine's needs.

Sometimes, he pumps into the tank BD20, a biodiesel fuel made from 20 percent vegetable oil and 80 percent diesel. Biodiesel is sold at a nearby station, he says. Diesel and biodiesel are interchangeable, he says, sort of like regular and decaf coffee.

"My ultimate goal is to get school systems to run their buses on biodiesel," he says. "They could make it from the vegetable oil they're producing at lunchtime."

Sitting in his driveway in Virginia Beach, Va., the hatchback wagon looks like any everyday car. There's a spare tire strapped to the roof, four wheels touching pavement and front and back seats to comfort tushes.

Only subtitles reveal what the car is all about.

When you open the hatch and check where the extra wheel is supposed to stay, you see a circular, metal storage drum with a cap in the top. That's where Mulligan stores soy oil. He also keeps a funnel and ex-

tra oil in five-gallon plastic jugs in the cargo area.

"It gets 40 miles per gallon regardless of diesel or veggie," he says. "And it grumbles like a diesel should."

When you pull up behind him at a stoplight and sniff the air, you swear fresh fries are sizzling nearby.

"It smells like a deep fryer, it smells good."

When you see his license plate — "Grezer" — you suspect he's dedicated to his cause.

"I love it when people stop me in the parking lot to ask about my car, or honk at me with a 'thumbs up' while cruising down the highway," he says. "I hope they drive away and say 'Hey, if that guy can do it ...'"

That's why he's a vegetable oil fanatic.

When Mulligan purchased the car for \$16,500 on eBay, its owner in Connecticut had already had Greasecar Vegetable Fuel Systems convert it. A conversion costs about \$800 installed, or \$600 for the parts.

His goal is to make an environmental statement — not to save gobs of money. He dislikes our country's dependency on foreign oil, so he decided to pay \$2.55 per gallon for new soy oil at Costco instead of always pulling into a gas station.

His commitment to alternative fuels gained speed three years ago when he took part in a Sustainable Solutions Caravan that wanted to promote the use of vegetable oil fuels in poor communities throughout Latin America. He was one of 20 ecological missionaries who drove two 1978 vegetable oil-converted school buses from San Francisco to Costa Rica.

"It was a life-changing experience

allowing me to see that possibilities are only limited by one's imagination and faith," he says.

Back home, he made good on that experience, finding the Jetta, which is fairly straightforward to operate. Fuel lines from the vegetable oil tank in the back run under the car to the front engine compartment. There, the oil goes through an extra filter surrounded by a heating coil before it's pumped into the main engine. He purchased the car with 45,000 miles on it last August and has already put 15,000 miles on it without any problems — not even a filter change because he uses clean oil.

Mulligan's long-term goal is to establish a backyard filtering system where he can reuse jugs of cooking oil he collects from Pelon's Baja Grill, a taco specialty shop at the Virginia Beach, Va., oceanfront. That oil is dark in color and full of sediment that must go through a fairly large filter before it's the quality fuel he wants. He could use oil with considerable cooking sediment in it, but he would have to change the engine's filter about every 100 miles, which is costly and time-consuming.

"I think it's great he's doing this," says John Muscara, owner of Pelon's. This time of year, Muscara goes through 50 gallons of canola oil monthly, but that amount triples during summer. Around the same time Patrick Mulligan came asking for used oil, two other guys made similar requests, says the businessman, so he assumes the concept is catching on. Pelon's and a next-door sushi bar fill two 55-gallon barrels for a recycling company to pick up as needed.

"Those guys said the concept is working for them, so I think we'll split the barrels with Patrick and them," says Muscara.

Mulligan's concern for Earth's natural resources goes back to his environmental geography studies as James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where he graduated in 2002. As the recently hired manager of programs for the upcoming World of Wonders children's garden at Norfolk Botanical Garden in Norfolk, Va., he hopes to share that concern through environmental-type educational programs for young people.

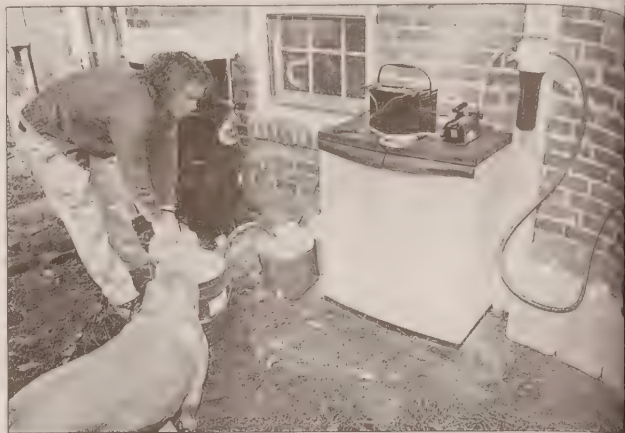
Earth is the only home we've got, and whether we like or realize it, we're all in it together, he says.

"Alternative fuels are the future," he says. "Our society is extremely short-sighted and will continue to squeeze that petroleum sponge to fill our SUVs until there's absolutely none left, at which point we will all look at each other and say, 'Duh!'"

"If the technology is here now,



PATRICK MULLIGAN, a program manager for the upcoming children's garden at Norfolk Botanical Garden, drives a 2003 VW Jetta wagon that runs on vegetable, mostly soy bean diesel/biodiesel.



MULLIGAN WORKS WITH USED OIL which travels through the blue hose to a pump powered by car battery through the filter mounted on the post and into the 5-gallon jugs.

why should we wait to use it?"

About the car

How many tanks does it take?

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MULLIGAN SHOWS the separate fuel tank for the oil located in the spare tire well of trunk.

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The Mercedes-Benz 2007 S-Class seats are first class

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE

Just not long ago that Mercedes seats were considered the worst in the auto industry. They were hard and flat, and they didn't exactly light up the balance sheet. Priced at the top of the market, they were a tough sell. But demand, and a competitive marketplace have changed all of that.

DOWN THE ROAD

Industry. Here's why.

Manual operation of the standard front seats is done with time-honored door switches shaped to mimic the portion of the seat to be adjusted. Using those switches, the driver and passenger can adjust each seat 14 ways, including forward and backward, up and down, and tilt. The seat cushion can be extended or retracted for full thigh support. The seat back angle is adjustable, head restraints can be moved up and down, and lumbar support is adjustable for both height and amount.

Additionally, the 2007 S-Class

features a much-improved version of COMMAND, an interface between driver and vehicle. COMMAND offers a wide range of vehicle functions, one of which is seat control, offering many additional seat adjustments for added comfort and convenience. Selecting the seat function from the console-mounted controller, a pictogram of both seats appears on the 8-inch color display, located in the upper center console.

Rotating the COMMAND controller allows selection of different areas of the seats for adjustment. These include seat, back, and shoulder bolsters, along with 20 additional lumbar adjustments.

The seat comfort adjustments are accomplished with 15 air chambers located in the seat bottom and seat back. The air chambers are controlled by a series of electronically actuated valves that are supplied with air from a pump located in the trunk. Each seat has its own microprocessor that senses and controls the pressure in each air chamber according to the COMMAND settings.

When the "active lumbar" feature is activated, the center lumbar air chamber "breathes," inflating and deflating about twice per minute. This slight movement causes the occupant's spinal column to repeatedly change position slightly. Such movement can relax the spine and back muscles, making a long trip more relaxing. If that isn't enough, there's a massage feature with a selection of degrees of firmness.

Turning on the "drive-dynamic" feature activates a system that inflates individual seat cushion bolsters to prevent an occupant's body from tilting when rounding a curve in the road. For example, when turning left, the occupant's body tends to lean to the right, but by inflating the right seat bolster, the body is held in an upright position. The seat bolsters are controlled by the same yaw sensor used in the electronic stability control system. They sense the direction and amount of the turn and send a signal to the seat microprocessor to control the bolsters accordingly.

According to Brad Clark, product development manager for the S-Class, "it's amazing how much energy you expend just holding your body upright, especially on a twisting country road."

Optional ventilated seats use



THE ALL-NEW 2007 S-CLASS includes first class seating.



WITH DOOR SWITCHES, the driver and passenger can adjust each seat 14 ways, including forward and backward, up and down, and tilt.



SEATING HAS CONTINUALLY improved to the point the seats in the all-new 2007 S-Class are arguably the best in the industry.

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The Japanese luxury brand was the only one to offer night vision last year — and only on one model. LX 470 buyers are more enthusiastic about night vision than were Cadillac or Hummer owners. About 17 percent of LX 470 buyers add night vision.

BMW and Mercedes think this is a fortuitous moment to introduce night vision on its 2007 models. The German companies sell to buyers who want the most technologically advanced innovations. Night vision qualifies and becomes available this spring in BMW and Mercedes cars.

Mercedes calls its system Night View Assist. It's included in an optional package, or \$1,775 as a stand-alone option in the 2007 S550, S600 and S65. The Mercedes night vision is also a near-infrared system that consists of two infrared headlights beamed down the road. It significantly lengthens the driver's view on low beam. The resulting black and white image is displayed on the speedometer screen in the instrument panel.

The high-resolution 8-inch display takes over the speedometer panel when infrared images are transmitted. To take the place of the speedometer, Mercedes engineers display a horizontal bar graph at the

bottom of the screen to indicate how fast you're going.

IR light is invisible to the human eye so it can't blind oncoming drivers despite the superior vision it provides. The IR camera detects heat emanating from pedestrians, animals or other vehicles and displays these images. Mercedes engineers even provide green indicator arrows in the display to warn of objects ahead of you.

BMW offers night vision in its 5 Series sedan and sports wagon. It's also available as an option in the 6 Series convertible and coupe. BMW says its night vision system allows the driver to see potential obstacles in the road up to five seconds quicker when the car is going at 62.5 mph.

BMW uses a totally different far-infrared system. The company's engineers claim that far-IR is the most efficient system for spotting people, animals or other objects at night. Its night vision system pans the road in front of the car and has a zoom-like feature to make objects that are further away look bigger the faster you are traveling. BMW says that its night vision's range is almost 1,000 feet — about twice as far as that of competitive systems. The image captured by the IR cameras is displayed in the middle of the instrument panel.

Although night vision is available only in a few luxury vehicles, it looks like infrared technology will become a feature in less expensive models in the near future. Many of the affordable high-tech features in mid- and low-price cars originally were only available in luxury models. Night vision is on the same trajectory and within a few years should be in many more vehicles.

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There's more to the cost of a car than just the purchase price — or is there?

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MAYFIELD VILLAGE, Ohio — Are you someone who debates endlessly whether to get leather or fabric interior, or spends a week deciding between fire engine red and canary yellow when shopping for a new car? Or, do you go to the car dealership calculator in hand, ready to crunch some numbers? If you said the latter, you're not alone.

According to an online survey conducted by The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies, new car shoppers say they put the bottom line above all else. But while consumers are most concerned with the cost of the car itself, they seem to discount the importance of how much it will cost them to actually own and operate it.

The survey, which queried people researching new cars on NADAguides.com, a leading vehicle information Web site, finds that overall purchase price is the most important factor to people shop-

ping for a new car (46 percent), followed by make and model (31 percent). Safety and performance come in a distant third, tied at 7 percent.

Leading experts in buying and insuring cars team up to find out what matters most to car buyers; results show people put purchase price first, but forget to consider other costs like fuel and insurance.

But while they care a lot about their car's purchase price, many shoppers ignore two factors that have a big influence on the cost

of owning the car: how much it will cost to keep the fuel tank full and how much it will cost to insure.

At the time of the survey, gas prices were at record highs with the national average ranging from \$2.24 to \$2.54 per gallon. And, insurance can be a significant cost of owning and operating a vehicle. Yet, those surveyed rank both fuel efficiency and the cost of insurance as two of the least important factors when shopping for a new car.

"It's interesting to see what's most important to people when they're shopping for a new car," said Robin Harbage, product development manager, Progressive. "Our results show that even the most savvy shoppers, like those who visit NADAguides.com, are concerned with the economics of buying a car but not what it costs them to actually use it. We want people to realize that insurance can have a big influence on how much they pay to operate their car over the long haul, and that the

type of vehicle they buy makes a difference when it comes to the cost of insurance."

When determining rates, insurers generally consider factors such as the vehicle's make, model, year, weight, horsepower and body type. They analyze how often specific types of cars are involved in accidents or are stolen, and how much they've paid out in claims for various makes and models. This helps them predict the likelihood of future losses and set accurate rates based on risk.

Harbage added that even if budget-conscious consumers are unwilling to consider buying a car that's generally less expensive to insure, they can still save money on their insurance by shopping around. Because different insurers consider different factors when setting rates, the cost to insure a given vehicle can vary by hundreds of dollars among companies.

The survey also finds that while respondents generally agree that cost is a major factor in their de-

cision about what make and model to buy, they disagree about the importance of features such as reliability, safety, performance, and creature comforts such as heated seats and moon roofs.

For example, 10 percent of drivers spend no time at all weighing a car's reliability, while 16 percent spend a week or more thinking about its creature comforts, and 19 percent spend a week or more on performance.

Older drivers — ages 50 to 64 — are twice as likely as younger drivers — ages 18 to 24 — to spend no time at all considering a car's safety features.

And when it comes to men and women, some stereotypes continue to live on. Men are twice as likely as women to rank performance as the most important factor when buying a new car. And, 25 percent more women than men spend a week or more weighing a vehicle's safety features.

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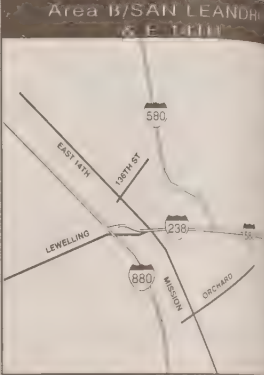
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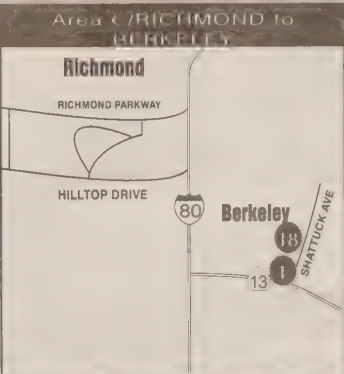
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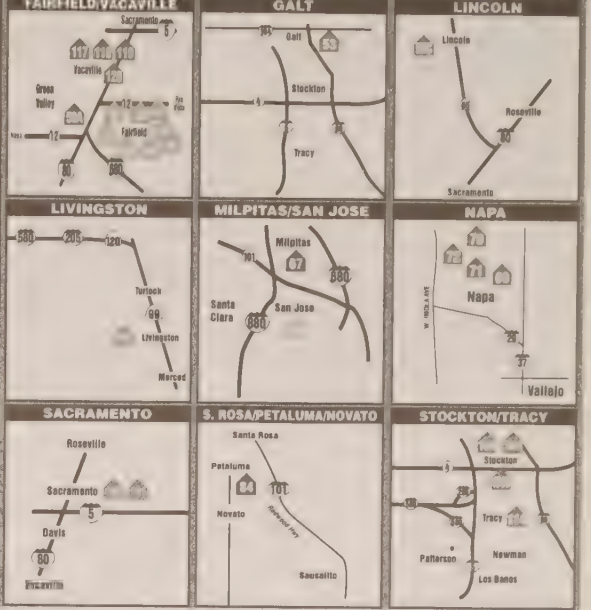
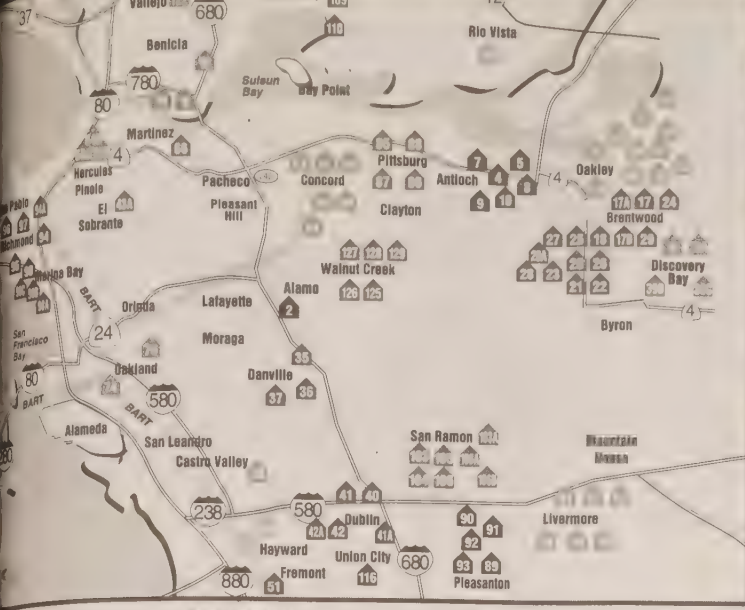
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Volvo and Saab are using ethnic roots to play on their designs

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

GENEVA — A redesigned flagship sedan for Volvo and an Aston Martin-like sports coupe concept from Saab marked the kick-off of the 76th annual Geneva Motor Show.

While the cars from the Swedish automakers are radically different, including one (the Volvo S80) going into production and one (Saab Aero X concept) that is not, the two share similarities. Both emphasize their Scandinavian heritage and hint at the future direction of their respective brands.

Volvo's first S80 was introduced in 1998. Since then, Volvo has discovered that emphasis on Scandinavian design, which has been successfully used on the C70, S40 and S60, resonates with consumers. With the new S80, Volvo will play up its ethnic roots even more using a theme of Scandinavian luxury.

Its design is actually evolutionary but heralds the styling for the next-generation of Volvos, company executives say. The length of the current S80 is maintained but the new one has a longer wheelbase, a wider track and added height to give it a more solid stance while keeping an elegant, clean look.

Volvo cranks up the S80 a notch by offering for the first time a V8 engine, one borrowed from the XC90 sport utility, which was Volvo's first V8 engine in history. The 4.4-liter V8 in the S80 produces 311 horsepower and 325 pounds-foot of torque. The engine gives the S80 a boost in the premium segment, in which most vehicles offer V8 engines.

The standard inline six-cylinder is larger than the one it replaces. Horsepower is increased to 235 horsepower; torque is 236 pounds-foot. Both engines are paired with a six-speed automatic or manual transmission, although only the automatic, which can be manually shifted without a clutch, will be sold in the U.S. The V8 version of the S80 comes standard with all-wheel drive; it is optional with the inline six-cylinder engine.

Like the first generation S80, the new S80 is expected to achieve five-star crash ratings. In addition to all of the previous safety equipment, which has been improved on the

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new model, the S80 adds available Adaptive Cruise Control to maintain a given distance from the car ahead and swiveling bi-Xenon headlights to see around curves.

Volvo also offers what it calls the world's first remote car monitor. The pocket-sized monitor for the Personal Car Communicator sends and receives information from the car. By pressing a button from as far away as 330 feet, the car owner finds out if the car is lock or unlocked, the alarm on or off, and, using a highly sensitive heartbeat sensor, if someone is in the car.

Volvo's S80 goes on sale in Europe in June and in February 2007 in the U.S., where its price likely will start around \$40,000. The top-of-the-line sedan is positioned against the Audi A6, which was the company's benchmark in developing the S80. It also aims at the BMW 5 Series and Mercedes-Benz E-Class. In the U.S., the largest single market for the S80, the car further targets Asian luxury sedans, like the Acura RL, Infiniti M and Lexus GS.

Saab also is playing up its Scandinavian heritage with its Aero X concept, which is a performance-oriented two-seat sports coupe in the vein of the Aston Martin DB9, while capitalizing on Saab's aviation history, which is being used in Saab's current advertising campaign as well.

The pearlescent white Aero X features an extremely long hood with slightly bulging front fenders and a cabin sitting rearward on the vehicle's haunches. The grille, front air intakes and headlamps have an aviation look. All exterior and interior lights are by LED (light-emitting diode), a feature to be increasingly used in future Saabs.

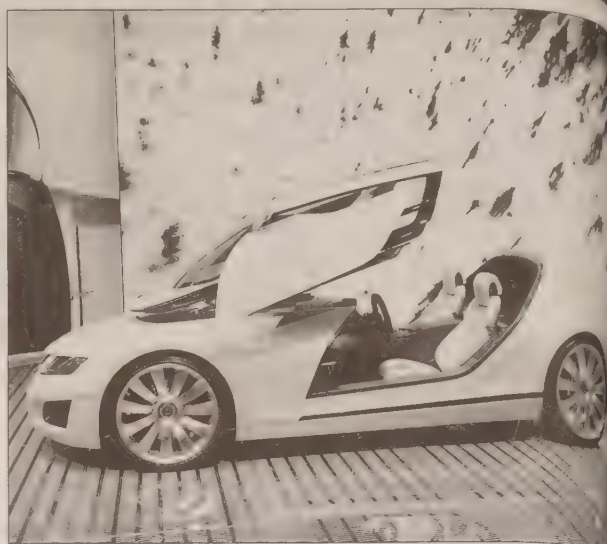
Even more aviation-like is the canopy that covers the car's cockpit, which resembles that of a jet aircraft. The doors, windows, windshield and a portion of the hood lift skyward like a fighter jet's canopy. The windshield has no pillars, providing an unobstructed 180-degree view.

Inside, the Aero X resembles an airplane cockpit but uses Scandinavian-style uncluttered design.

Conventional dials and buttons are nonexistent. Instead, the Aero X uses a Swedish glass-like acrylic that makes the gauges look three-dimensional.

The Aero X is all-wheel drive and powered by a 400-horsepower, twin-turbo, BioPower V6 engine fueled entirely by ethanol. Saab has been a leader in Sweden in ethanol-powered vehicles. Ethanol is considered environmentally friendly due to its lower CO2 emissions and coming from a renewable source. The lightweight powertrain combined with carbon fiber body work puts the Aero X's 0-to-60 mph acceleration at 4.9 seconds.

The Aero X is only a concept with no production plans. It was intended as a challenge to Saab designers to see how far they could stretch the brand. Nevertheless, styling cues on the Aero X will appear on future Saabs, company officials say.



SAAB IS PLAYING UP its Scandinavian heritage with its Aero X concept, which is a performance-oriented two-seat sports coupe.



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Eco-coupe fires dreams

BY AKWELI PARKER
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA — Clayton Kinsler, auto mechanics teacher at West Philadelphia High School, scanned Locust Street to make sure it was clear of pedestrians, then hammered the throttle, rocketing the mean little coupe down the 4800 block.

The car's rear-mounted engine unleashed a primal, metallic roar, temporarily drowning out the jetlike whistle of the car's turbocharger.

A video crew from Discovery Channel Saturday was also on the street that Saturday in March, filming what is arguably the country's fastest, most efficient eco-friendly sports car — and the West Philadelphia High School team that created it.

The asphalt-hugging, gunmetal-gray roadster was going through its paces in preparation for the Olympics of environmental auto competitions — the May 10-14 Tour de Sol in upstate New York. And much was riding on this car. The students were pretty sure they had worked out the major bugs.

Last year, the car won the race, garnering national attention for the team of about a dozen mostly African-American vocational education students.

In February, the hybrid — which boasts 50 miles a gallon on soybean-based biodiesel fuel — got more media attention at the Philadelphia auto show.

If it won a second Tour de Sol victory, there'd likely be scholarships and well-paying jobs in the auto industry for the students — and badly needed grants, sponsorships or even lucrative partnerships with major automakers for the city school's automotive academy.

Maybe Hollywood would come knocking.

For the moment, though, on Locust Street, it was time to cut loose and show off for the film crew.

At each high-speed pass by Kinsler, 47, the car's student builders whooped and cheered.

Then, zooming down Locust, Kinsler suddenly felt a loss of power. When he pushed the pedal, the engine revved, but nothing at the wheels. He coasted to a stop at 48th Street.

And sat there.

The students looked at one another and began walking, then running toward the car, as the realization dawned that something had gone horribly wrong.

Even as the video rolled, they swarmed around the car with pit crew precision and removed the en-

gine cover.

Simon Hauger, 36-year-old head of the school's Electric Vehicle Team and mastermind of the project, peered into the tangle of wires, pipes and hoses.

"The axle's done," he announced. As he had feared might happen, the car's unorthodox axle had sheared in two.

Over the last year, the team and their instructors — Kinsler, Hauger, and shop teacher Ron Preiss — had overcome all kinds of obstacles:

How to instill in these urban students the value of hard work, responsibility and a passion for learning when their environment outside of school often encouraged the opposite.

How to get the money to support the endeavor, which was beyond the school district's ability to fully fund.

And how to use unconventional thinking not just to succeed, but to blow away the world's expectations of them.

The axle — a thick metal rod that transfers engine power to the wheels — had required a lot of unconventional thinking. This was the fourth time in less than a year that it had broken.

The team had custom built the car from a kit called the K-1 Attack, with parts coming from different car makers. The axle presented a peculiar engineering challenge — the car's Volkswagen engine needed a way to spin its Honda rear wheels.

And so, the two rear axles are an amalgam of Volkswagen, Honda and parts-bits welded together. The left one, shorter and less flexible, is constantly breaking. A section of cheap steel pipe held its VW and Honda ends together, but the pipe tore under the high torque forces of acceleration. The car goes from zero to 60 in four seconds.

A thicker, higher-quality sleeve might do the trick, Hauger surmised.

A half-dozen team members pushed the stricken vehicle backwards, uphill to the school's garage and gingerly rolled it onto the cradling metal arms of a power car-lift.

Devereaux Knight, the 2005 team captain who'd gone on to one of the area's best technical schools, Automotive Training Center in Warminster, Pa., and a job at Central City Toyota, had dropped in. He draped an arm around Kinsler and teased him about his penchant for breaking axles: "Two for you, one for Hauger."

The atmosphere in the garage was a mixture of adrenaline and disappointment, with team members

half-jokingly asking that the mechanical failure be edited out of Discovery's video.

The only thing to do now was saw off new axle halves from whole VW and Honda units, send them out to be welded ... and wait.

"We didn't expect it to break again," said a disappointed Joseph Pak, a lanky, 10th grader with gel-spiked hair. Still, he said, he was relieved that it had happened well before the May competition.

It was now midafternoon and the French Canadian director was setting up his final shot.

"What you want to do is," he began.

"Cry," Knight interjected.

Hauger, though, was upbeat. "This is actually pretty good news," Hauger said. Their more complex engineering of the axle had held. This was a simple weld.

The ideas that came out of West Philadelphia's auto shop aren't rocket science, Hauger said, but they do require imagination and some risk-taking — traits he thinks Detroit could use.

Hauger estimated their two-seater, if mass-produced, could sell for about \$50,000.

But before such lofty ambitions could be realized, the Attack's axle had to be repaired.

Sixteen days later, during fourth-period auto mechanics class, a handful of team members gathered in the school shop. On a metal worktable sat the newly welded axle assembly. Machinists at Drexel University had augmented the original design with a beefier, higher-grade steel sleeve.

Kinsler motioned to the damaged axle, lying on the same table and looking like a broken femur.

"If you can't shift into second gear without something breaking, it ain't right," he said.

A student got under the car to pop the axle in place, much like pushing a tight toilet paper holder into place. Kinsler yanked on the suspension to create clearance. But, after many tries, it hadn't connected.

Quietly, Calvin Chesebore, a tall, athletic-looking 11th grader with neatly twisted braids, took over. Chesebore, who'd twice installed axles in the Attack and can practically assemble its complicated shift linkage in his sleep, now wrestled with the greasy metal rod.

First, the wheel-facing side popped into place. Then, with Kinsler again pulling on the suspension, the inboard side mated to the transmission with a satisfying clunk.

The team had hopefully resolved their thorniest problem.

They'd find out that afternoon, out on Locust Street, if their solution had worked.

Car rentals, close to home occur for many new reasons

BY KATE MURPHY
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Richard Scheiner is a self-described "serial car renter." He owns two cars, but with four children old enough to drive he finds that he needs an additional car for one or two weekends a month.

"It's a lot of money to go out and buy a car," said Scheiner, a marketing consultant in Philadelphia.

It used to be that people rented a car only after landing at an airport or when their own car was in the shop. But today, more people like Scheiner are renting for a variety of other reasons. In response, car rental agencies are opening more locations and offering a wider variety of vehicles. Getting the best deal requires planning ahead, knowing how to avoid unnecessary fees and, often, looking into lesser-known agencies.

This is the first year the number of neighborhood car rental locations exceeds those found at airports, said Sherb Brown, publisher of Auto Rental News, a trade magazine. He attributed the shift to what he called personal rentals.

The reasons include needing a bigger car to haul children to the sports competition or a more dependable car to take on longer trips. Some renters may also want to avoid exceeding a mileage limit on a leased vehicle or to minimize wear and tear on their own cars. Or maybe they just want to drive a Jaguar or a Hummer to a special event.

"People have such varied lifestyles these days that it's hard to do everything with one vehicle," said David E. Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich. He also said more people were finding the cost of owning a car onerous: "Add up the purchase price plus taxes and parking, and a lot of people decide to just rent a car when they need one."

Roy Zinkil, a mortgage banker in San Diego, said he does not own a car but he rents one every Thursday through Monday to "run to the store and the cleaners and do all those errands you do on the weekends." He rides a commuter train to work during the week and pays \$128 a month, or \$1,536 a year, in car rental fees.

"I put pencil to paper and saw that it was a better deal for me to

rent," Zinkil said, adding he gets good rates because he rents on weekends, is a regular customer at a rental location within walking distance of his office and is willing to take just about any car that is available.

Weekend rates are often less than \$30 a day and sometimes as low as \$10. Weekend rates at Enterprise, where Zinkil rents his cars, are as much as 50 percent less than during the week.

Peak travel periods vary by region, so prices can bounce accordingly. Florida, for example, may have higher prices in the winter, while other areas will have higher rates in the summer. And rates can be much higher in cities like New York, where many people do not own cars. The prices can often climb there on weekends, when city dwellers want to escape to more pastoral places.

Renters are almost always better off getting a car from a suburban location, where rates are often lower than they are in cities. And you may want to avoid airport locations, because they may tack on all sorts of surcharges, drop-off fees and tourism taxes that can balloon the bill. If you can make your reservations two weeks or more in advance, you will usually get a better rate and have a better chance of getting the kind of car you want, when you want it.

Popular travel Web sites like Expedia, Orbitz and Travelocity can help you do some comparison shopping and may offer better rates than the rental companies' own Web sites. But travel sites may not offer some of the lesser-known brands, so you may want to check carrentalexpress.com and TravelNow.com, which offer the rates of smaller, independent agencies.

Neil Abrams, president of Abrams Consulting Group, a car rental research and consulting firm in Purchase, N.Y., said, "Independents often have the same cars and level of service," not to mention competitive pricing.

If you are interested in renting a luxury or exotic vehicle, you may want to check out ExoticCarRental.com, a directory of small, specialty companies nationwide that rent cars like Hummers, Ferraris, Bentleys and Lamborghinis. Rates usually range from \$400 to \$1,800 a day depending on the

vehicle. A Cadillac can cost \$110 a day from most major agencies, and Hummers introduced in 50 states wide its Prestige Collection includes Infiniti, Range Rovers at \$150 a day.

One way to lower rates is to take advantage of such as those available through affiliations with professional organizations like the American Medical Association, the National Association of Certified Public Accountants, as well as unions and associations. Sam's Club and Costco members, for example, can also save on rentals.

And you may want to insure the extra \$9 a day for insurance if you're not insured. David Snyder, a student and assistant general manager for the American Automobile Association, a trade group that promotes insurance policies and liability coverage for rental vehicles: "Check with your insurance agent," he said, "the terms of your policy may apply to your rental." But, he added, "other charges associated with an accident in a rental car are not covered by your insurance policy."

cover, like the rental company's administrative fees and the cost of out of service. "That can be thousands and thousands of dollars," he said. "Most are covered by most companies' collision insurance, but they often call a damage waiver. Your credit card may cover damage, but probably doesn't cover theft. Most companies let you buy an ability insurance policy." To avoid disputes, he said, walk around the car, inspect the interior and take a scratch on the back of the lot. Some companies now like a \$100 scratch on the back of the lot. Some companies now like a \$100 scratch on the back of the lot. Some companies now like a \$100 scratch on the back of the lot.

corner now like a Starbucks aren't coffee cups. The car rental companies are going to be responsible for damage.

It's time to spring clean the RV with expert know-how

BY JEFF JOHNSTON
MOTOR MATTERS

ward as it may be to believe about us still snowbound, of the spring RVing season almost upon us. That of RV owners will be out their rigs for the first several months. What they can they first open that door to the outside world, last was put into storage last can be easy to face — or a

ing was carefully cleaned and, the spring opening is a simple chore. If a few de- left unfinished, well, grab a mop for your nose and a job.

with a full exterior wash- ing in covered storage the accumulate dust. The also gives you a close- for falling sealant around cracks or splits in body or other potentially harm- of vehicular aging.

washing the tires and back the tires for signs that may have devel- over the winter. Be sure to the inner side of the tires inspection. Check your ance records to verify the wheel bearings were and packed. You will regret making sure your are in good shape, but you, you'll rue the day if

all the windows, vents to circulate in some That can make a world ence in how enthusiastic about working inside the prepping it.

ROLLING HOMES

Remove the mothballs you scattered through the rig's interior last fall as a deterrent to rodent occupation. You might leave one or two in some of the farthest back reaches of your kitchen and bath- room cabinets, or exterior storage areas, if the smell isn't to objectionable. Rodents love moving in during the summer, too.

If you left any fabric items, such as bedding or pillows, in the RV they may need to be laundered before use. They tend to acquire a musty odor when left cooped up all winter, and cleaning them can really improve the rig's interior am- biance.

Inspect the refrigerator and give it a thorough washing with a mild bleach solution in water. Hopefully, you cleaned it last fall and left the door slightly ajar all winter, so nothing gets nastier than a fridge full of bacteria.

If any odor lingers, fill the fridge with wadded-up newspaper between uses and that'll help absorb any of- fensive smells.

The freshwater system is a prime spot for bacterial growth. While those bacteria produce an offensive sul- phur-like odor, they're harmless, and fairly easy to eliminate.

Add a mix of about a half-cup of bleach to every 10 gallons of freshwater capacity, and fill the tank. Run the bleach water through the entire system making sure each faucet is flushed. Fill the water heater tank, too, as warm water is even better for bacteria growth.

Allow the treated water to re- main in place for a few hours, then drain and refill the tank and sys- tem with fresh water blended with about a half-cup of baking soda per 10 gallons of water. The bak- ing soda helps eliminate any re- maining bleach odor, and also helps freshen the water system.

Insects seem to creep into any available RV opening and nest for the winter, or when they seek out new homes at spring's first blush. At best this is annoying, and if the nest blocks off the furnace exhaust flow or interferes with the water heater combustion process by al- tering the air flow, it can be dan- gerous. Inspect all such hiding places and use a vacuum crevice tool and/or some kind of long, skinny tool like a screwdriver to dislodge and remove any nest or web evidence. Look first with a flashlight to make sure the nest isn't occupied by potentially dan- gerous critters.

Likewise, inspect any electrical connections that are exposed to the elements. You may need to dig some insect nests out of the trailer's electrical plug, for ex- ample, or from the plug receptacle on the back of a motorhome. Mud daubers are frequent squatters in these spots.

Reinstall any batteries removed for storage and check all electri- cal hardware functions. Moist cli- mates are notorious for produc- ing corroded electrical contacts, and it's better to look for them be- fore you're on a vacation.

A bit of elbow grease and a few step-by-step processes will result in an appealing and functional RV that's ready for a season of fun.



USE A SMALL, SHARP TOOL to remove nests from nooks, top right.



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THE RV SPRING CLEANING PROCESS with a thorough wash and wax.



INSPECT THE RIG'S tires and other hardware.

Hybrid buyers choosing Prius, Civic over lower-mileage models

BY MATT NAUMAN

HYBRID NEWS
want their green. High-mileage such as Toyota's Prius and Civic are winners, but just

Thursday that it production of its Accord because of slow sales. And last week that it's offer- ing financing to boost sales

of hybrid cars and SUVs percent in March com- with the same month in the arrival of three plus a completely re- Civic Hybrid over the

the first three months hybrid sales were up 37 compared with January to 2005. That's still impressive at a time when the overall sales of gas-electric vehicles percent from 2003 to 2004, percent from 2004 to 2005, 2005 749 units last year. dealers sold 581 Accord in March, compared with

had to re-evaluate our Honda Executive Vice D. C. Collier told re- the New York International Press. "It's having a hard

hybrid buyers, two clear emerged. The Toy- U.S. hybrid sales last year, and 100,000 in sales for the And Honda said it expects 100,000 units of its Civic Hy-

brid this year. Both cars emphasize vastly improved mileage over gas- only vehicles — a combined 55 city/highway mpg for the Prius, and 50 mpg for the Civic.

Others, such as the Accord and the new Lexus GS 450h, are touted by their makers as offering superior performance coupled with some fuel economy gains.

Price premiums on those mod- els have been "artificially high," said Jesse Toprak, executive director of industry analysis at edmunds.com, and early adopters and those want- ing to make a statement by buying a hybrid already own one.

"Now you're going after the mass market, and that's a road- block," he said. "The mass market won't care about image as much. They care about practicality — how much it costs, how much they'll save in gas."

The news of a sales growth slowdown comes just as several new models are set to arrive. The Lexus GS 450h, a hybrid sports sedan, goes on sale this month. A hybrid version of the Toyota Camry arrives in May.

Later in the year, hybrid versions of the Nissan Altima sedan and the Saturn Vue SUV will be introduced.

Prius sales were down in March, but Toyota spokesman Sam Butto attributed that to production issues as the automaker gets ready to start building the Camry Hybrid.

Toyota Sunnyvale sells 15 to 20 Highlander Hybrids a month, but it still has a 330-customer waiting list for the Prius, said owner Adam Simms. Miles per gallon is the key, he said. "Over 40 is now in the con- sumer's mind. 30 is not."

Industry analyst J.D. Power and Associates continues to forecast

strong growth for hybrid models. It predicts hybrid sales will exceed 800,000 by 2013. By then, U.S. consumers will be able to pick from 52 different hybrids, said Power fore- caster Anthony Pratt.

The Power Information Network, which tracks dealer transactions, reports that the average Civic Hy- brid sold for \$23,141 in March and the average Prius sold for \$26,480.

Other hybrid vehicles were much more expensive, with the Ford Escape and Honda Accord both sell- ing for more than \$29,000, the High-lander topping \$37,000 and the Lexus RX 400h at nearly \$46,500.

California continues as a hy- brid hotbed. Owners of the Prius, Civic and some older Honda In- sight models can get stickers that allow them to drive solo in the car- pool lane on state highways. Hy- brid buyers also qualify for tax credits from \$250 to \$3,150, based on a vehicle's fuel economy, weight and emissions.

At Honda of Stevens Creek in San Jose, the Civic Hybrid has proved much more popular than the Accord. "Of course, because it can go in the commute lane and the fuel economy is a lot different," said Niko Malakis, the dealership's sales manager. Shoppers who look at the Accord Hybrid tell him they were "expecting something with higher mileage."

According to the government's www.fueleconomy.gov Web site, the Accord Hybrid gets a combined city/highway rating of 28 mpg, which is the same as the four-cyl- inder, gas-only Accord.

"You could arguably get just as well or better fuel economy with a four-cylinder gasoline Accord for \$8,000 to \$10,000 less," said Pratt.

SPARE PARTS

Joining forces: Carroll Shelby and the Ford Special Vehicle Team have created a modern successor to the famous Shelby GT500 of the late 1960s. The 2007 car has a 475-horsepower supercharged V8, six-speed manual transmis- sion, race-tuned suspension, four- piston Brembo brakes, plus Mus- tang heritage with aggressive muscular front-end design, Le Mans racing stripes, unmistakable "Cobra" logo and Shelby name- plate. The Ford Shelby GT500 seamlessly combines the modern Mustang muscle car with the clas-

sic Shelby performance cues, such as the famous Shelby Cobra logo.

Growing stronger: Hyundai is expanding to make a strong sec- ond run at the U.S. market. Led by the Sonata midsize sedan, Hyundai's U.S. sales increased 86 percent from 2000 to 2005. In re- cent months, the value of the Ko- rean won (dollar) has risen, mak- ing it more expensive for Hyundai to import cars to the United States. Those risks should be diminished as production ramps up at the Alabama plant. Source: The Detroit

Free Press.

Better Mileage: The federal government set gas-mileage goals for the largest sport utility vehicles for the first time and said minivans, pickup trucks and SUVs as a group must increase their fuel ef- ficiency by 11 percent over the next five years. Big SUVs are hit the hardest under the rule. The rule could force automakers to spend \$6.7 billion to update light trucks with fuel-saving technology needed to meet the new regula- tions. Source: The Washington Post.



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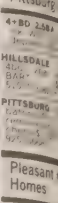
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Great mom to luscious sweet strawberries and sensational wines this Mother's Day

FAMILY FEATURES
A new menu idea for Mother's Day — or bridal shower, anniversary, dinner parties, festive summer occasions — by pairing sweet bites with strawberry wine. The combination of strawberries and wine might be unique, but the pairing has been around for centuries. 18th-century herbalist John Gerard wrote that together, strawberries and wine "make the heart rejoice." That's just what you want for Mother's Day: a heartwarming celebration of life's most precious moments.

WINE STRAWBERRY SUNDAY
SUNDAY
Strawberry Sauce
cups (about 1 1/2)
fresh California strawberries, stemmed and quartered,
sugar
bean
Sauce
sugar
water
heavy cream
bittersweet chocolate,
Black Opal Shiraz
vanilla ice cream
cups (about 1/2 pound)

fresh California strawberries, stemmed and quartered
To make strawberry sauce, heat oven to 350 degrees. In blender, purée 1 1/2 cups strawberries; strain through fine-meshed strainer, pushing on strawberry purée with spoon. Combine purée with remaining strawberries and sugar. Sift vanilla bean lengthwise and scrape out seeds; add bean and seeds to strawberry mixture. Let stand 10 minutes.

Remove vanilla bean and transfer mixture to shallow baking dish large enough to hold strawberries in one layer. Roast in oven about 20 minutes, or until strawberries are cooked and juices have reduced to syrup.

To make chocolate sauce, in saucepan bring sugar and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until sugar dissolves. Add cream and chocolate. Cook over low heat, stirring, until chocolate melts. Remove from heat; add wine.

Spoon 2 tablespoons chocolate sauce in bottom of each of 6 sundae glasses. Add 3/4-cup scoop ice cream; top with 2 tablespoons strawberry sauce. Repeat layers. Top with 1/4 cup fresh strawberries.

Prep time: 15 minutes, cook time: 25 minutes, makes 6 sundaes.

CHICKEN, STRAWBERRY AND FENNEL SALAD

Walnut-Balsamic Vinaigrette
1/3 cup olive oil
1/3 cup walnut oil
2 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon roasted garlic purée

1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 pound grilled chicken breast strips
3 cups fresh California strawberries, stemmed and sliced
3 cups thoroughly cleaned, thinly sliced fennel bulb
3 cups shredded radicchio
3/4 cup basil leaves
1-1/2 cups toasted walnut halves

To make vinaigrette, in blender or food processor, purée oils, vinegar, garlic purée, salt and pepper until emulsified.

In large bowl, toss chicken, strawberries, fennel, radicchio, basil and walnuts with vinaigrette. To serve, mound equal amounts of salad on 6 plates.

Prep time: 15 minutes, makes 6 servings.

Berry delicious

Fresh, gorgeous-red California strawberries can brighten Mom's Day and any occasion all year-round.

■ A healthy indulgence, one serving of strawberries has more vitamin C than an orange and less sugar than other top fruits.

■ Strawberries can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch and dinner in both sweet and savory dishes.

■ Strawberries and cream is the classic English dessert served at Wimbledon.

■ Strawberries also pair well with lemon, rhubarb, vanilla, chocolate and other berries in desserts.

■ Kids rate strawberries as their favorite fruit. (USDA fruit and vegetable research)

■ A daily serving of strawberries may reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers, and improve memory.

For hundreds of strawberry recipes, check out www.calstrawberry.com.

Food and wine pairing guide

From South Australia's vineyards comes Black Opal wines — rich, sophisticated, smooth and remarkably friendly. Their Chardonnay, Cabernet Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Shiraz deliciously complement foods not only for summer entertaining but for all seasons.

■ Chardonnay is crisp with aromas of peach, melon and citrus. Pair with a Chicken, Strawberry and Fennel Salad.

■ Cabernet Merlot is rich with cherry and plum flavors, a hint of chocolate and a subtle touch of oak. Enjoy with sweet and spicy ribs.

■ Shiraz is rich with aromas of blackberry, pepper and spice followed with rich plum flavors to round out the palate. Serve with spicy grilled meats or seafood.

■ Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic Australian red wine made from the world's most noble red variety. Pair with a celebratory prime rib or a great steak.

■ Shiraz Cabernet is a rich wine full of berry, pepper and spice. Enjoy with grilled steak and roasted vegetables.

For more information, visit www.blackopalwines.com.

Materials courtesy of: Black Opal Wines and California Strawberry Commission.



SERVE MOM A Chicken, Strawberry and Fennel Salad served with a fine wine on Mother's Day.

... take mom to the Napa Wine Country on her special day

Wine Country is your destination Mother's Day, you might stop by Redd's or the El Dorado for a bite to eat.

is a new restaurant that

opened in Yountville in late November. It is the first venture from Northern California Chef Richard Reddington, who offers an updated interpretation of wine country cuisine in a decidedly relaxed environment. Redd's menu showcases regionally inspired seasonal cuisine with ethnic influences. Ever wine-friendly, Reddington's cooking complements the selection of regional and international wines chosen by Master Sommelier Alan Murray, with whom Reddington worked at Masa's.

Reddington's culinary passion was honed in some of the most noted kitchens on both coasts and in Europe. The 15-year epicurean journey that led him to Yountville began with classic French training under Roland Passot at La Folie in San Francisco and was later followed by tenures in France's Michelin three-star Arpege and Le Moulin de Mougins with Roger Vergé, a prelude to working with Daniel Boulud at Restaurant Daniel in New York City.

Returning to California, Reddington sharpened his skills at Spago Beverly Hills and Chateau and Jardiniere in San Francisco. In 2000, he was drawn north to Napa Valley and began a four-year tenure as executive chef at the landmark Auberge du Soleil. After leaving the Auberge in 2004, he took the reins at Masa's in San Francisco before taking the leap to launch Redd.

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El Dorado Kitchen

The El Dorado Kitchen will celebrate its first anniversary next month. It is located in Sonoma's historic Plaza in the El Dorado Hotel. This casual bistro and bar has brought a new gathering place in the Wine Country.

Heading the culinary team at El

Dorado Kitchen is executive chef Ryan Fancher, former sous chef at The French Laundry in Yountville and a member of the opening team at Per Se in New York. Fancher brings extensive training in classic French technique learned from noted area chefs Thomas Keller and Richard Reddington. A California native, Fancher began cooking at the age of 16, and honed his skills in the kitchens at The Stonehouse at San

Ysidro Ranch in Montecito and Auberge du Soleil in Rutherford.

Fancher's classical training, paired with his penchant for showcasing the region's artisanal products, results in a menu that is both innovative and straightforward.

El Dorado Kitchen is located at 405 First Street West in Sonoma. For information call, 800-289-3031 or visit www.eldoradosonoma.com/kitchen.htm.

Running late? A sampling from 1-800-flowers.com

Perfect Ending Purse Cake

A sweet and stylish gift any mom will like, this chocolate cake, crafted into the shape of a purse, is created by cake artisan Sam Godfrey, founder of the Napa Valley bakery, Perfect Endings.

A one-of-a-kind gift, this purse cake is filled with chocolate truffle cream and decorated with an edible gold clasp. To top off this fashionable presentation, the entire cake is encased in pink-tinted Belgian white chocolate that also forms the details on the purse.

The cake serves 6-8.

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Vintage Silk Daisies

Send thoughtful wishes to every mom on her special day with this bright collection of silk daisies.

They're made from the finest silk, ensuring these vibrant blooms — and all the love you've sent with them — will never fade away.

Arranged in a light green metal country milk jug decorated with a daisy motif on the front, it's a charming accent to any tabletop or sideboard.

A Lifetime of Memories

For all the days she's been in your life, and all the days yet to come, Julie McCann Mulligan has crafted a bouquet for that special lady in your life. She gathered hyacinth, scented geranium and Queen Anne's lace and combined it with five stems of her favorite rose, "Dolce Vita."

Mulligan has selected a radiant, rose-colored glass pitcher that will become the hit of any Mother's Day get-together. An unforgettable gift that celebrates anything she's ever meant to you.

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Why live with bathroom clutter and chaos?

Get these rooms organized this spring

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Maybe it's that pile of used bath towels on the floor. Or the shrine to shampoo that lurks behind your shower curtain. Somewhere in your home, it exists: that scary, clutter-filled bathroom. And chances are, it's probably your master or your child's bathroom.

Admit it. Most of the time, your bathroom is not always the relaxing retreat you hoped it would be. Whether it's been overrun with laundry — or filled to the rim with squeaky bath toys — today's bathrooms are in need of some serious de-cluttering. Luckily, there's no better time to take action than this spring. A few simple tips can get you there quickly and easily. Then, all you have to do is fill the tub with a few bubbles and enjoy.

Master bath solutions

Believe it or not, the master bath is often the worst clutter culprit. Since it's hidden away from company's prying eyes, you're more likely to close the door than clean it up. Add to that the hectic pace of a two-person morning routine and even a spotless bathroom on Sunday night can turn to mayhem by Monday morning.

Make a clean sweep. Start by removing every loose item from the room:

- Clear off all bottles and toiletries from the sink, and throw away anything that you purchased with good intentions, but don't use. Put items you use every day into a pile and place the rest under the sink or in a medicine cabinet. Set aside the most decorative pieces, such as perfumes, colognes and cosmetics.
- Remove all towels, robes and pajamas. Take an inventory of what you use and what you need

to access easily.

- Remove any children's bath items and set them in a separate pile. Next, bring in the clutter catchers:

- Organize your daily toiletries by usage. Do you brush your teeth first, then put on your makeup? From left to right, sort your items accordingly. Consider using a small basket to keep things neatly arranged. You'll find that once you've put things in order, they are much more likely to stay that way.

- Give every towel and robe its rightful place. You've inventoried the items — now compare this to the number of towel bars in your bath. It could be time to change your accessories or add some new and more functional items. Look to Inspirations by Moen for sophisticated new styles, such as the Retreat and Lounge collections. Both collections feature robe hooks and double towel bars that provide both quick access and multi-tasking capabilities. Double towel bars can maximize wall space, and an artfully arranged series of robe hooks can provide order to your towels or clothes.

- Bring in a decorative and covered basket for children's items. Although these items may be used every day, they can take away from the luxurious retreat feel of the master bath. Place them in a container that's more in line with your bathroom's style.

- Make decorative toiletries a part of the décor. A stylish glass shelf, such as the one found in Moen's new Retreat collection, can offer both function and beauty. A curved hourglass silhouette balances the shelf's geometric base — so your everyday items will look more ornamental.

Children's bath solutions

All hope is not lost for the second-most-cluttered bathroom in the house. The secret is to make things fun and accessible for children. Again, do a clean sweep of the area, arranging items into categories, such as:

- Bath-time necessities and toys

- Daily necessities
- Towels and pajamas

Now, look at the bathroom from your child's perspective. It's hard to reach the towel bar when you're only three feet tall. And it's tough for little hands to change the toilet paper roll, and toys are really the only reason to take a bath. Consider:

- Installing towel bars lower on the wall or using a robe hook mounted closer to the ground so that the child can reach their own towel.

- Using a plastic basket to store bath toiletries and toys in one place. Keep the basket under the sink so children can easily access it. The added bonus? This central location encourages children to put items away when they are finished.

- Install a toilet paper holder that pivots — such as those offered by Inspirations by Moen. Simply lift the arm, remove the empty roll, reload and lower the arm back into place. Just as Velcro helps a child learn to put on his or her shoes, these paper holders are easy to load. Better yet, they're decorative and make toilet paper changes easier on adults too. Most of Moen's bath accessory collections offer this unique feature.

There's no question that a little organization goes a long way. With a little TLC, your master bath can become the beautiful decorator showplace you always wanted. And, your child's bathroom can function as more of a work zone than disaster zone.

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Forecasters predict that a child born today can expect a public university education to cost at least \$100,000 over four years by the time they're ready to go to college.

While that can seem like a difficult pill to swallow for parents looking to provide their children with the best education possible, there are options for those who want to get a head start on paying their child's tuition.

Under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, parents are offered tax-advantaged programs as a means for saving for college. Withdrawals can be used at any eligible post-secondary school in the United States.

Essentially, parents or others interested in providing for a loved one can set up a qualified trust where money is regularly de-

posited with the purpose of paying for a child's education. Under one option, you can prepay tuition at a qualified institution at the current tuition rates.

The other option under Code 529 is to open a tax-deferred account (earnings only) where you save money to be used at future tuition rates. The theory is that the investment earnings can be used

to counter the rising cost of education, meaning that the earlier you start saving, the more likely you are to be able to afford college when your child or loved one is ready to pursue their higher education.

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surprising spring cleaning tips

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of us have our spring cleaning routines — research that more than 60 percent of us engage in seasonal cleaning of their homes. While packing away winter clothing and washing the windows and behind appliances, you may also consider some "outdoor" tasks.

Here are six tips for a more creative spring cleaning agenda:

1. **Heralds the start of the season.** But don't limit your spring cleaning to the usual airing, basement or attic. Toss out old items that are taking up space in your living space. Toss out old items that are taking up space in your living space.

2. **Take care of your indoor landscape.** The houseplants you regularly water could use a dusting off. To clean leaves, place the entire pot in a bathtub and use a hand sprayer (or your hand) to lightly shower dust off the plant. Give artificial plants or flowers a brisk shake outdoors. Tidy indoor water features — from tabletop or wall fountains to fish tanks — according to the manufacturer's instructions.

3. **Clean up your music collection.** Anyone with even a modest-size collection has CDs separated from their cases, cases without jackets, scratched discs, damaged audio tapes and cassettes without cases. Gather it all together in one spot. Make stacks of unmatched CDs, cases, tapes and jackets. Toss irreparable discs and tapes. Match CD and cassettes with their cases whenever possible. Separate the music you listen to on the road and use a carrying case to help keep discs and tapes organized in the car. Organize music you listen to at home and store in

leave change throughout the house. Collect change from under the sofa cushions, empty the change jar, and pick up that stack of loose coins from the laundry room. Coinstar estimates that the average American household has about \$99 in spare change floating around. Why not use that cash to reward yourself for cleaning? Coinstar offers free coin counting at select supermarket locations when you put that change on a gift card such as Amazon.com, Starbucks, Pier 1 Imports or Borders. To find a Coinstar location, visit www.coinstar.com.

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racks that fit your home's décor and your storage space.

6. **Take care of the parts of your home that make summer enjoyable — from the air conditioner to your outdoor grill.**

Have your central air system serviced before it gets hot. Change filters in window units. Clean and refinish your deck. Whip your gas grill into shape using a wire brush and rust solvent to remove rust spots. Prime worn spots with a heat-resistant paint.

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Great looking interiors mix it up with styles and budgets

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So many of us find ourselves in the same decorating boat — a home filled with a few family heirlooms, flea market or tag sale finds, and maybe even one or two treasures from a successful dumpster dive. You love them all, but how do you combine high and low design pieces to create a unified and polished look for your home?

First, says Marjorie Marcellus, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of California — San Francisco, forget about the cost of a piece. "A successful interior is not determined by the cost of its components. For a space to work, it needs to have balance and harmony," says Marcellus. Finishes and furnishings should relate to each other as part of an overall design scheme, but "that doesn't mean they have to match, be of the same era, same price or quality," she explains.

For example, says Marcellus, "I placed an expensive slab of marble onto a salvage-yard industrial black metal stand and then added four black bargain stools from Pottery Barn." The similar finishes of the materials made it work. The result? "A custom kitchen table for my client's urban loft. Topped with a delicate antique vase, fresh wild flowers and col-

orful cloth napkins from IKEA, the outcome was unexpected and delightful," says Marcellus.

Suzanne Wilkins, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of New York City, is another proponent of mixing both high and low design elements. A basic rule of thumb, says Wilkins, is to avoid having a less expensive item next to a more expensive similar item. "Too many similarities invite comparison, and may make the less expensive things look cheap," she says. Instead, pair precious things with inexpensive finds by following two rules of thumb: keep it simple and clean lined, or keep it funky. According to Wilkins, simple clean lines naturally look expensive, and we associate clean lines with a more modern and expensive look.

On the other hand, she says, funky items can often stand alone and speak for themselves. But use them sparingly. For example, a nice grouping of African masks can add a lot of texture and color and can be found inexpensively in flea markets. To make it work, don't use more than three or four in more than one location, says Wilkins.

Dan Noyes, chairman of the Interior Design department at The Art Institutes International, Min-

nesota, loves to combine modern pieces with weathered antiques, "to create a wonderful gypsy chic look." Whether high end or low end, an antique's patina and unique character flaws can set it apart from a great, modern piece of furniture, he says.

Furniture pieces themselves can combine the best of both high and low end design features, says John Gambell, chairman of the Interior Design department of The Art Institute of New England. For a stylish-looking dining or end table, Gambell suggests taking a simple and inexpensive parsons-styled table (IKEA is a good source) and add a made-to-order stone top of either slate or marble. "A small 'reveal' between the base and the top wood appear to make the top float," says Gambell.

A few final words of wisdom about mixing high and low end design from the experts: When shopping at stores like Crate and Barrel or Pottery Barn, pick a few pieces from each instead of outfitting an entire room with one look. "Mix it up," says Wilkins. And remember, be patient and shop around. What makes a room look rich and expensive, no matter what the budget, is time.

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It's that time of year again when you might feel the urge to purge — otherwise known as spring cleaning. But think twice before trading in some of your home décor items — Instead, trade them up. By adding small details to what you already have, you can achieve a chic and rejuvenated look for spring.

Think outside the boxes

Before relinquishing boxes of trinkets, "clutter-creators" and damaged accessories, consider repurposing items such as plain lamps and window treatments, tattered pillows and throws, or unused vases and china. Small details help create a spring haven with a fresh perspective and affordable materials such as decorative trim, mirrors and faux-flowers.

While taking inventory of the items you have to work with, begin visualizing your ideal décor. Need inspiration? Peruse the pages of your favorite magazines. Whether replicating a designer pillow for the family room or fashioning an outdated lamp in the guest room into something trendier, upgrading existing pieces will breathe new life into the room for the season.

Glam shams

Is the couch in perfect condition, but the pillows have seen better days? Redress your favorite furniture by using the tattered pillows as an insert for no-sew pillow shams. In just a few hours and with a little bit of creativity, you can achieve a glitzy designer look.

First, find a fabric with spring-infused hues and patterns that compliment the room. Measure the pillow and cut the fabric to the appropriate size. Take one piece of fabric with the pattern facing up, and run a small bead of Perfect Glue 1 adhesive along three sides. Next, place the other piece of fabric on top with right sides together and press firmly. Steam iron the three adhered sides to speed the curing process. Allow one hour for drying and then turn the sham right-side out. Insert the pillow into the sham, and glue the final hem. Use clothes pins to hold in place until dry.

Spring reflections

Continue your spring haven mission by creating an airy environment with accent mirrors in order to open up and visually extend spaces. Use mismatched pieces of china from your "junk" pile as frames for wall mirrors. For larger

mirrors, chargers work great! Simply choose a circular mirror that fits into the center of the plate and adhere using strong craft glue, such as Perfect Glue 1. Apply a heavy object on top of the mirror and allow two hours for drying time.

In a new light

Lighten up your space figuratively, as well as aesthetically. That dated, albeit trusty lamp may be the perfect candidate for a makeover to better reflect your rejuvenated décor. Consider covering the offending lamp base with unique embellishments such as rope or artificial greenery. A versatile adhesive (such as Perfect Glue 1) will adhere to a variety of surfaces such as ceramic, metal, stone, and brass. Don't forget the lamp shade! Extend your creativity to design an eye-catching and complimentary shade to complete the lamp transformation.

Now that your imagination is blossoming, don't stop. Move on to the next space and continue to refresh your household items. And, remember — it's all in the details.

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Urban pads

City life is big, but yard space is at a premium. Many homeowners are trading in their suburban life for urban pads. As a result, their expansive yards may be reduced to a small patio or common space. That's where container gardening — a viable option for any size space — becomes particularly popular. Container gardening is no longer restricted to one or two pots placed on a landing

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of their baby boomer counterparts. Famous and influential baby boomers include Donald Trump, former President of the United States Bill Clinton and current President George W. Bush.

Wine

Choosing the right wine to go with your meal is not always an easy choice. Many people are uncertain as to what wine best accompanies a particular dish. According to www.WineAnswers.com, an online resource designed to help those facing the wine/meal

dilemma, certain wines go particularly well with specific entrees.

For instance, for a traditional meal of steak or prime rib, Wine Answers recommends a merlot, especially if the meal is not fancifully prepared. For those who pre-

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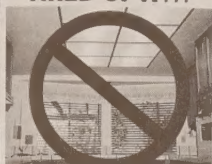
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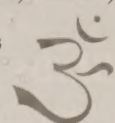
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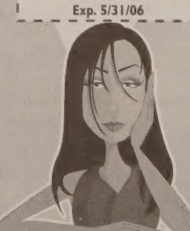
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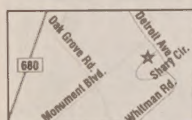
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